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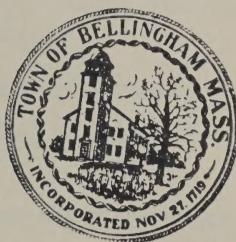
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ELECTED TOWN OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 1947**SELECTMEN**

EDGAR WADE, Chairman

HENRY FORGET

TIMOTHY A. RIORDAN

TOWN CLERK

LEO A. GOSELIN

TOWN TREASURER

WALTER D. RICHARD

TAX COLLECTOR

ALICE V. BOURRE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

LIONEL R. TRUDEAU, Chairman

ABBEY FAGAN

EUGENE F. GARNEAU

DAVID L. TUTTLE

BERTRAND BOITEAU

BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE

ROY E. ADAMS, Chairman

FREDERICK J. WHALEN

RAYMOND MOWRY

TAX ASSESSORS

CLARENCE W. HOYT, Chairman

ELLSWORTH R. CROOKS

FRANCIS P. DIGGINS

WATER COMMISSIONERS

TIMOTHY A. RIORDAN, Chairman

WILFRED ARCAND

RODOLPHE BEAUREGARD

TREE WARDEN

SYLVIO DALPE

CEMETERY COMMITTEE

JAMES YATES

ARTHUR E. BROWN

EUGENE RHODES

PUBLIC LIBRARY TRUSTEES

SARAH WRENN KATHRYN E. GARRIE PY MATHILDA HARPER
ROSE DUSSAULT BELLA LEBLANC MARY E. COOK

CONSTABLES

ADAM KOZIMOR
LEOPOLD CAYA

JOHN HOO THAY
CHESTER GASKILL

MODERATOR

WILLIAM W. FAIRBANKS

APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS FOR 1947

TOWN ACCOUNTANT

JOSEPH I. TAYLOR

CLERK OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

WINDSOR D. BATES

SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS

TIMOTHY E. FOLEY

CHIEF OF POLICE

EUCLIDE A. FLEUETTE

CHIEF OF FIRE DEPARTMENT

WASYL KORNICKI

AGENT OF BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE

LEO A. STEARNS

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

HARVEY DEBIGARE

SUPERINTENDENT OF WATERWORKS

ROMEO A. CARRIER

INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

ARNOLD WADE

INSPECTOR OF SLAUGHTERING

EMILE GAREAU

FOREST FIRE WARDEN

WASYL KORNICKI

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

MICHAEL F. RYAN

ERNEST DUBOIS

HARLAND E. COOK

DIRECTOR OF VETERANS' SERVICES

CHARLES MICHALOWSKI

TOWN COUNSEL

ARTHUR D. HILL

DOG OFFICER

EUCLIDE A. FLEUETTE

SEXTONS

JAMES YATES

ARTHUR BROWN

EUGENE RHODES

MUNICIPAL FIELD COMMITTEE

DAVID L. TUTTLE

WARREN E. WHITING
GEORGE RHODESBERTRAND BOITEAU
EUGENE GARNEAU**WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION AGENT**

JOSEPH I. TAYLOR

FENCE VIEWERS

ELLSWORTH R. CROOKS

FRANCIS DIGGINS

CLARENCE W. HOYT

SURVEYORS OF WOOD AND LUMBER

ELLSWORTH R. CROOKS

ARTHUR RHODES

HAROLD COOK

GEORGE RHODES

**AGENT FOR BURIAL OF INDIGENT SOLDIERS AND SAILORS
AND AGENT FOR CARE OF GRAVES OF INDIGENT
SOLDIERS AND SAILORS**

CHARLES MICHALOWSKI

PUBLIC WEIGHERS

ERNEST BELCHER

RUEL THAYER

TIMOTHY A. RIORDAN

THEODORE CARRIER

JANITOR, TOWN HALL

HARTWELL ESTY

JANITOR, SOUTH BELLINGHAM COMMUNITY BUILDING

LEO BOISVERT

JANITOR, NORTH BELLINGHAM COMMUNITY BUILDING

GEORGE TEBEAU and JOHN DORE

POLICE OFFICERS**Deputy Chiefs**

JOHN HOOHTAY

CHESTER GASKILL

GEORGE BRENNAN

STANLEY BALDIGA

VICTOR BRODEUR

EMILE GAREAU

ERNEST BELCHER

ARNOLD WADE

ARTHUR FORGET

ALFRED GODIN

JOHN GAMMONS

WILFRID ARCAD

DENNIS MURPHY

PAUL BARRETTE, JR.

MELVIN GRAVES

WILLIAM SMITH

HAROLD DAHLSTROM

FIDEL LEBLANC

EUGENE RHODES

WILLIAM NAUGHTON

FRANK ARNOLD

ELMER AMBLER

OSCAR CHAMBERLAND

STEPHEN SIKER

WINDSOR D. BATES

EMILE VADEBONCOEUR

NORBERT MARTEL

ROBERT DRAPEAU

ROLAND ROCHEFORD	HERENE POULIOT	LEO BOISVERT
WILFRID DUFRESNE	HARVEY DEBIGARE	CARLTON GASKILL
ANATOLE DEBIGARE	OSCAR TRUDEAU	JOHN DORE

MEMORIAL DAY COMMITTEE

JAMES WRENN	LEVI SMITH
RAYMOND SMITH	EDWARD REID
	JOHN BOYLE

JURY LIST OF JULY, 1947-JULY, 1948

ALLAIN, JOSEPH ERIC, textile-worker, Central Blvd.
 ARCAD, Wilfrid, Mill-operative, Wrentham St.
 BARRY, WILLIAM, textile-worker, Suffolk St.
 BERARD, RAYMOND P., textile-worker, Governor Ave.
 BOITEAU, BERTRAND, Mill-operative, Moody St.
 BOKOSKI, WILLIAM, machinist, South Main St.
 BOUVIER, CONRAD, barber, Pulaski Blvd.
 CARON, EDGAR, painter, Pulaski Blvd.
 CHASE, STANLEY E., merchant, Hartford Ave.
 DOLAN, JAMES E., mill operative, Maple St.
 DORE, JOHN, textile-worker, Hartford Ave.
 FOLEY, CHARLES S., shoe-worker, Hartford Ave.
 GENTES, ELZEAR, photographer, Westminster Ave.
 GARNEAU, LEO, student, Irving St.
 KORNICKI, PETER, manager, South Main St.
 KOZIMOR, FRANK, mechanic, Pulaski Blvd.
 NAUGHTON, WILLIAM, railroad-worker, Hartford Ave.
 O'ROURKE, DAVID, textile-worker, Hartford Ave.
 PELLAND, ROLAND, Textile-worker, Suffolk St.
 PLEAU, EUGENE, Textile-worker, Plain St.
 RIDOLFI, JOHN B., mechanic, Hartford Ave.
 RIORDAN, EUGENE B., truck-driver, Hartford Ave.
 TRUDEAU, OSCAR, Textile-worker, Muron Ave.
 TROTTIER, ARTHUR, JR., Truck-driver, Pulaski, Blvd.
 TRUDEL, ROBERT E., Mill operative, Spring St.
 VADEBONCOEUR, EMILE, merchant, Wrentham St.
 VILLANI, LOUIS, Textile-worker, Chestnut St.
 WASZKIEWICZ, JOHN, machinist, Pickering Ave.
 WHIPPLE, CHARLES F., farmer, South Main St.
 OLBRYNS, CHARLES, Textile-worker, Maple St.

REPORT

of the

TOWN CLERK

including

RECORDS OF TOWN MEETINGS

ELECTIONS

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS

and other

TOWN RECORDS

of the

TOWN OF BELLINGHAM

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

December 31, 1947

WARRANT FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING AND ELECTION, 1947

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Norfolk, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Bellingham: Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town, qualified by law to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet in the Town Hall in Precinct No. 1, at the Schoolhouse in Precinct No. 2, and at the Community Building in Precinct No. 3, on

MONDAY, MARCH 3, 1947

for the following purposes:

To bring in their votes upon one ballot to the election officials for the following Town Officers:

MODERATOR, for a term of one year.

TOWN CLERK, for a term of one year.

THREE SELECTMEN, for a term of one year.

ASSESSOR OF TAXES, for a term of three years.

COLLECTOR OF TAXES, for a term of one year.

WATER COMMISSIONER, for a term of three years.

TWO SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS, for a term of three years.

BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE MEMBER, for a term of three years.

TREE WARDEN, for a term of one year.

CEMETERY COMMITTEE MEMBER, for a term of three years.

TWO LIBRARY TRUSTEES, for a term of three years.

FOUR CONSTABLES, for a term of one year.

Also to bring in their votes upon the following question:

“Shall the provisions of section forty of chapter seventy-one of the General Laws, as amended, relative to equal pay for men and women teachers, be in force in this town?”

POLLS WILL BE OPEN AT 12:00 NOON AND CLOSE AT 8:00 P. M.

SUBSEQUENT MEETING

And also to meet in the Town Hall in said Bellingham, on

FRIDAY, MARCH 7, 1947,

at 8:00 P. M., then and there to act upon the following articles:

ARTICLE 1. To hear the reports of the several town officers and town departments; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 2. To vote and raise appropriations for the following purposes or act or do anything in relation thereto:

Item 1. Moderator	Item 25. Bridges and Railings
Item 2. Finance Committee	Item 26. Snow Removal and Sanding
Item 3. Selectmen's Department	Item 27. Signs-Guideboards
Item 4. Accountant's Department	Item 28. Street Lighting
Item 5. Treasurer's Department	Item 29. Machinery Account
Item 6. Tax Collector's Dept.	Item 30. Public Welfare
Item 7. Assessors' Department	Item 31. Old Age Assistance
Item 8. Certifying Notes	Item 32. Aid to Dependent Children
Item 9. Town Clerk's Dept.	Item 33. Veterans' Services
Item 10. Elections-Registration	Item 34. Memorial-Armistice Day
Item 11. Town Hall	Item 35. School Department
Item 12. North Bellingham Community Building	Item 36. Vocational Training
Item 13. South Bellingham Community Building	Item 37. School Athletics
Item 14. Police Department	Item 38. Water Department
Item 15. Fire Department	Item 39. Cemeteries
Item 16. Forest Fires	Item 40. Town Reports
Item 17. Sealer of Weights-Measures	Item 41. Town Counsel
Item 18. Tree Warden	Item 42. Damages to Property-Injuries to Persons
Item 19. Moth Extermination	Item 43. Municipal Athletic Field
Item 20. Health Department	Item 44. Maturing Debt
Item 21. Norfolk County Hospital	Item 45. Interest
Item 22. Highways, Chapter 81	Item 46. Reserve Fund
Item 23. Highways, Chapter 90	Item 47. Library Department
Item 24. Highways, General	Item 48. Unpaid bills of prior years.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1948, and to issue note or notes therefore payable within one year, and to renew any notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, General Laws; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the improvement of Lake Street between Cross

Street and McCarthy's Corner, so-called; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of tarring Lake Street between Pulaski Blvd. and Wrentham Street; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the installation of a new heating plant in the South School; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of improving a proposed 200 ft. extension of Norfolk Street; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the improvement of Pickering Avenue; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the improvement of Pothier Street between Westminster Ave. and Linwood Avenue; the improvement of Spring Street, and First Ave. in Charles River Grove, and the improvement of Trenton Street between Central Blvd. and Hunt Street; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to appoint a committee to investigate the advisability of constructing a new sidewalk along Hartford Avenue, from Maple Street to Caryville; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to appoint a committee to investigate the surface drainage conditions in the section bounded by Westminster Avenue and Peter's River; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to accept Carrier Street as laid out on a plan dated December, 1946, and running from Pulaski Boulevard to the Blackstone Town Line; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$650.00, said money to be paid out to Highway em-

ployees in the form of a cost-of-living bonus, provided said employes were carried on regular highway payrolls; the rate of such bonus being 10 cents per hour, retroactive to October 1, 1946, and terminating March 8, 1947; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will instruct the Board of Selectmen to increase the wages of highway employes fifteen (.15) cents per hour, said rates to become effective on March 10, 1947, or act or do anything in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 15. To choose any Committee and hear the report of any Committee; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

And you are hereby directed to serve this Warrant by posting attested copies of said warrant at all designated places, at least seven days before the date of said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make a due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the clerk of said town.

Given under our hands at Bellingham this third day of February, 1947.

WALTER P. LEWINSKI
EDGAR WADE
LEO A. GOSSELIN

Selectmen of Bellingham.

TOWN ELECTION

March 3, 1947

Moderator

Precincts	1	2	3	Totals
*William W. Fairbanks	258	233	382	873
Lionel R. Trudeau	103	59	516	678
Blanks	5	13	34	52

Town Clerk

*Leo A. Gosselin	148	101	531	780
Arthur J. Martel	209	187	382	778
Blanks	9	17	19	45

Town Treasurer

*Walter D. Richard	294	219	786	1299
Blanks	72	86	146	304

Selectmen (3)

*Henry Forget	237	186	435	858
Donat Laplante	114	65	543	722
Walter P. Lewinski	109	115	498	722
Bertrand Remillard	107	59	528	694
*Timothy A. Riordan	223	225	283	731
*Edgar Wade	263	193	376	832
Blanks	45	72	133	250

Tax Collector

*Alice V. Bourre	185	128	608	921
Norbert Martel	174	151	294	619
Blanks	7	26	30	63

Tax Assessor

*Clarence W. Hoyt	217	144	601	962
Leo A. Murray	132	139	299	570
Blanks	17	22	32	71

Welfare Board

John Ridolfi	191	185	351	727
*Frederick J. Whalen	152	109	520	781
Blanks	23	11	61	95

Water Commissioner

*Wilfred Arcand	289	227	756	1272
Blanks	77	78	176	331

School Committee (2)

*Bertrand R. Boiteau	203	164	393	760
*Eugene F. Garneau	150	94	531	775
Kathryn E. Garriepy	210	188	350	748
Joseph F. Spas	113	75	441	629
Blanks	56	89	149	294

Tree Warden

Rene Couture	202	235	315	752
*Sylvio Dalpe	142	53	565	760
Blanks	22	17	52	91

Cemetery Committee

Edward A. Arnold	111	81	484	676
*Eugene Rhodes	236	172	374	782
Blanks	19	52	74	145

Library Trustees (2)

*Kathryn E. Garriepy	220	189	413	822
*Mathilda Harper	129	71	501	701
Helena I. Hiltz	128	108	438	674
Letitia Knott	204	152	322	678
Blanks	51	90	190	331

Constables (4)

*Leopold Caya	141	68	607	816
Robert F. Drapeau	198	197	324	719
*Chester A. Gaskill	260	183	298	741
Antonio W. Godin	128	60	494	682
*John J. Hoothay	226	186	384	796
Stanley Koloski	100	118	458	676
*Adam Kozimor	128	84	570	782
Roland Rocheford	151	129	322	602
Blanks	132	195	271	598

Equal Pay for Women and Men Teachers

*Yes	201	147	427	775
No	52	31	86	169
Blanks	113	127	419	659

TOTAL VOTE:

PRECINCT No. 1:	366
PRECINCT NO. 2:	305
PRECINCT NO. 3:	932 — 1603

*Elected.

RECOUNT OF VOTES

March 11, 1947

Town Clerk

*Leo A. Gosselin	148	101	532	781
Arthur J. Martel	208	187	382	777
Blanks	10	17	18	45

Tree Warden

Rene Couture	202	235	317	754
*Sylvio Dalpe	142	53	563	758
Blanks	22	17	52	91

*Elected.

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

March 7, 1947

In accordance with a Warrant given under the hands of the Selectmen on February 3, 1947, the inhabitants of Bellingham qualified by law to vote in elections and town affairs, met at the Town Hall in said Bellingham on March 7, 1947, at 8:00 P. M., and proceeded to act on the articles of the Warrant as follows:

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 P. M. by Moderator William W. Fairbanks, followed by the reading of the warrant by Town Clerk Leo A. Gosselin. More than seventy-five voters being present in the hall, the necessary quorum was establishd.

ARTICLE 1. On motion of Gordon MacMasters, it was voted to accept the reports of the town officers as published in the Annual Town Report of the year ending Dec. 31, 1946; excepting the reports of the Highway Department, Fire Department, Assessors' Department, Board of Public Welfare, and the Selectmen's Department.

ARTICLE 2.:

Item 1. On motion of Timothy A. Riordan, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$40.00 for the Moderator; his salary to be as follows: \$20.00 for the Annual Town Meeting, and \$5.00 for each special Town Meeting.

Item 2. On motion of Henry Forget, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25.00 for the Finance Committee.

Item 3. On motion of Henry Forget, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$775.00 for the Selectmen's Department; the salaries of the Selectmen to be as follows: Chairman: \$150.00; each of the other two members: \$100.00

Item 4. On motion of Roland Rocheford, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$600.00 for the Accountant's Department; the salary of the Town Accountant to be \$500.00.

Item 5. On motion of Arthur J. Martel, as amended by Michael Purich, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$950.00 for the Treasurer's Department; the salary of the Treasurer to be \$600.00.

Item 6. On motion of Edward Moran, as amended by Michael Purich, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1650.00 for the Tax Collector's Department; the salary of the Tax Collector to be \$1000.00.

Item 7. On motion of Ellsworth R. Crooks, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2665.00 for the Assessors' Department; the salaries of the Assessors to be \$1740.00, said Assessors to be paid the sum of \$7.00 per day from January 1, 1947.

Item 8. On motion of Francis G. Locklin, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20.00 for Certifying Notes.

Item 9. On motion of Arthur J. Martel, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$750.00 for the Town Clerk's Department; the salary of the Town Clerk to be \$500.00.

Item 10. On motion of Windsor D. Bates, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 for Elections-Registration.

Item 11. On motion of Edgar Wade, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3700.00 for the Town Hall; being \$2500.00 for maintenance and \$1200.00 for repairing and painting the upper hall.

Item 12. On motion of Bertrand Boiteau, as amended by Timothy A. Riordan, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3700.00 for the North Bellingham Community Building; being \$700.00 for maintenance and \$3000.00 for repairs.

Item 13. On motion of Henry Forget, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$900.00 for the South Bellingham Community Building.

Item 14. On motion of Euclide Fleurette, as amended by Herbert Hannah, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4100.00 for the Police Department; being \$2340.00 for the Chief's salary, and \$1760.00 for expenses of the Department.

Item 15. On motion of Andor deJony, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2725.00 for the Fire Department; being \$500.00 for the Chief's salary, \$2125.00 for expenses of the department; and \$100.00 to be expended under the authority of the Center Fire Dept. officers for equipment for the two fire trucks housed at the Center fire station.

Item 16. On motion of Andor deJony, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1700.00 for Forest Fires; being \$300.00 for the salary of the Forest Warden, and \$1400.00 for expenses of the department.

Item 17. On motion of Roland Rochefords, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100.00 for the Sealer of Weights and Measures.

Item 18. On motion of Rene Couture, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$200.00 for Tree Warden.

Item 19. On motion of Rene Couture, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100.00 for Moth Extermination.

Item 20. On motion of Timothy A. Riordan, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2400.00 for the Health Department.

Item 21. On motion of Edgar Wade, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1265.00 for Norfolk County Hospital.

Item 22. On motion of Timothy Foley, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6125.00 for Highways; said sum to be used in conjunction with state funds under Chapter 81.

Item 23. On motion of Timothy Foley, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$700.00 for Highways; said sum to be used in conjunction with state and county funds under Chapter 90.

Item 24. On motion of Timothy Foley, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1000.00 for Highways, General.

Item 25. On motion of Timothy Foley, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$650.00 for Bridges and Railings.

Item 26. On motion of Timothy Foley, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4500.00 for Snow Removal and Sanding.

Item 27. On motion of Timothy Foley, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100.00 for Signs-Guideboards.

Item 28. On motion of Edgar Wade, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3300.00 for Street Lighting.

Item 29. On motion of Edgar Wade, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1500.00 for the Machinery Account.

Item 30. On motion of Andor deJony, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$9000.00 for Public Welfare; the salaries of the members of Public Welfare to be as follows: \$75.00 for the Chairman, and \$50.00 for each of the other two members.

Item 31. On motion of Andor deJony, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$35,200.00 for Old Age Assistance.

Item 32. On motion of Andor deJony, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2500.00 for Aid to Dependent Children.

Item 33. On motion of Herbert Hannah, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$600.00 for Veterans' Administration; being \$500.00 for Administrator's salary and expenses, and \$100.00 for Honor Roll maintenance.

On motion of Anatole Debigare, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3850.00 for Veterans' Benefits.

Item 34. On motion of Roland Rocheford, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 for Memorial Day and Armistice Day observances.

Item 35. On motion of Joseph I. Taylor, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$65,000.00 for the School Department.

Item 36. On motion of Bertrand R. Boiteau, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 for Vocational Training.

Item 37. On motion of David L. Tuttle, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1000.00 for School Athletics.

Item 38. On motion of Timothy A. Riordan, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$9810.00 for the Water Department; the salaries of the Water Commissioners to be as follows: Chairman: \$45.00; each of the other two members: \$40.00; the salary of the Superintendent to be: \$2080.00; salary of the Clerk: \$250.00; salary of the Collector: \$250.00; \$7105.00 for expenses.

Item 39. On motion of James Yates, as amended by Eugene Rhodes, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$750.00 for Cemeteries; the salaries of each member of the Cemetery Committee being \$200.00, and expenses of \$50.00 allowed to each member.

Item 40. On motion of Henry Forget, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$700.00 for Town Reports.

Item 41. On motion of Henry Forget, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$400.00 for Town Counsel.

Item 42. On motion of Timothy A. Riordan, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$250.00 for Damages to Property and Injuries to persons.

Item 43. On motion of David L. Tuttle, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1000.00 for the Municipal Athletic Field.

Item 44. On motion of Francis G. Locklin, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000.00 for Maturing Debt.

Item 45. On motion of Francis G. Locklin, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6241.00 for Interest.

Item 46. On motion of Andor deJony, it was voted to pass over the item designated as Reserve Fund.

Item 47. On motion of Roland Rocheford, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1212.00 for the Library Department; being \$150.00 for repairs and painting, and \$1062.00 for expenses.

Item 48. On motion of Andor deJony, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2295.25 for the purpose of paying unpaid bills of the following departments: Water, Machinery, Snow, Fires, Assessors, Welfare, Health, and Street Lighting; subject to investigation by the proper authorities on the petition of the Board of Selectmen. The record vote on said motion was as follows: YES: 183; NO: 0.

ARTICLE 3. On motion of Daniel Olivier, Jr., it was voted unanimously to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning Jan. 1, 1948, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, General Laws.

ARTICLE 4. On motion of Elmer Crooks, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3000.00 for the improvement of Lake Street between Cross Street and McCarthy's Corner, so-called.

ARTICLE 5. On motion of Andor deJony, it was voted to pass over this article.

ARTICLE 6. On motion of Joseph I. Taylor, it was voted to authorize the Moderator to appoint a committee of three members to investigate the heating system at the South School, and the cost of repairing or replacing the said heating plant; said committee to report at a Special Town Meeing to be held before June 1, 1947.

ARTICLE 7. On motion of Joseph I. Taylor, it was voted to pass over this article.

ARTICLE 8. On motion of Joseph I. Taylor, it was voted to pass over this article.

ARTICLE 9. On motion of Joseph I. Taylor, it was voted to pass over this article.

ARTICLE 10. On motion of Andor deJony, it was voted to authorized the Moderator to appoint a committee of three members to investigate the advisability and cost of constructing a new sidewalk along Hartford Ave., between Maple Street and Caryville; said committee to report at a Special Town Meeting to be held before June 1, 1947.

ARTICLE 11. On motion of Anatol Debigure, it was voted to authorize the Moderator to appoint a committee of three members to investigate the surface drainage conditions in the section bounded by Westminster Ave. and Peters' River; said committee to work in collaboration with the Selectmen, and to report at a Special Town Meeting to be held before June 1, 1947.

ARTICLE 12. On motion of Henry Forget, it was voted to accept Carrier Street as described and laid out on a plan dated December, 1946, and running from Pulaski Blvd. to the Blackstone Town line.

ARTICLE 13. On motion of Joseph I. Taylor, it was voted to lay this article on the table.

ARTICLE 14. On motion of Joseph I. Taylor, it was voted to lay this article on the table.

ARTICLE 15. On motion of Joseph I. Taylor, it was voted to lay this article on the table.

On motion of Joseph I. Taylor, it was voted to dissolve the warrant at 10:15 P. M.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

May 26, 1947

In accordance with a warrant given under the hands of the Selectmen on May 19, 1947, the inhabitants of Bellingham qualified by law to vote in elections and town affairs met at the Town Hall in said Bellingham on Monday, May 26, 1947, at 8:00 P. M., and proceeded as follows:

In the absence of Moderator William W. Fairbanks, Town Clerk Leo A. Gosselin opened the meeting by calling for the election of a Moderator pro tem; and Gordon C. MacMasters was elected Moderator pro tem.

There being less than seventy-five voters at the meeting, the Moderator declared the lack of a quorum, and the meeting was adjourned to 8:45 P. M.

Upon reconvening, the necessary quorum of seventy-five was established, and the Town Clerk proceeded with the reading of the Warrant.

Upon motion of Herbert Hannah, duly seconded, it was voted to act first on Article 8, and on Article 1 last, and that any money voted to be transferred from the Excess and Deficiency Fund when available, be transferred in the order voted at this meeting.

ARTICLE 8. On motion of Herbert Nutting, duly seconded, it was voted that the sum of \$1200 be transferred from the Excess and Deficiency Fund when available, for the purchase of a new pump for the Water Department pumping station. Vote: unanimous.

ARTICLE 2. On motion of Joseph I. Taylor, duly seconded, it was voted that an amount not exceeding \$10,000 be transferred from the Excess and Deficiency Fund, when available, for the installation of an oil heating system as per specifications recommended by the Special Heating Committee, whose appointment by the Moderator was authorized at the Annual Town Meeting of March 7, 1947; said sum to be expended; said installation to be supervised; and said bids to be opened in the presence of, and awarded by, a joint committee consisting of the Special Heating Committee, the School Committee, and the Board of Selectmen. Vote: unanimous.

ARTICLE 3. On motion of Robert Hunter, duly seconded, it was voted to pass over this article.

ARTICLE 4. On motion of Timothy E. Foley, duly seconded, it was voted that the sum of \$2000 be transferred from the Excess and Deficiency Fund, when available to resurface the present sidewalk along Hartford Avenue with type "I" hot mix. Vote: Yes: 62; No: 6.

ARTICLE 5. On motion of Timothy A. Riordan, as amended by Ellsworth R. Crooks, and duly seconded, it was voted to authorize the Water Commissioners to sell water to the Town of Mendon at a rate of not less than Fifteen (.15) Cents per 1000 gallons; said Town of Mendon to assume all costs of installation and maintenance of pipes and equipment from the point of connection with the Bellingham water main, to, and through, Mendon.

ARTICLE 6. On motion of Herbert Hannah, duly seconded, it was voted to authorize the Water Commissioners to purchase a new 1947 Chevrolet truck, 1 ton, body 52 and 7/16 wide, 108 and 3/32 long, for the sum of \$1200, less the trade-in value of the old truck; said sum to be expended from the Water Department available funds. Vote: unanimous.

ARTICLE 7. On motion of Herbert Hannah, duly seconded, it was voted that the sum of \$3000 be transferred from the Excess and Deficiency Fund when available, for the purchase of a rebuilt grader. Vote: unanimous.

ARTICLE 1. On motion of Joseph I. Taylor, duly seconded, it was voted to direct the Finance Committee to investigate the 1947 tax rate, and if, in their opinion, it is found to be a false rate, authorize the Town Treasurer to demand reimbursement of all salaries paid to the Assessors during 1947.

On motion of Joseph I. Taylor, duly seconded, it was voted to dissolve the Warrant at 10:20 P. M.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

August 4, 1947

In accordance with a warrant given under the hands of the Selectmen on July 25, 1947, the inhabitants of Bellingham qualified to vote in elections and town affairs met at the Town Hall in said Bellingham on Monday, August 4, 1947, at 8:00 P. M., and proceeded to act on the warrant as follows:

In the absence of Moderator William Fairbanks, Town Clerk Leo A. Gosselin opened the meeting by calling for the election of a Temporary Moderator, and Gordon C. MacMasters was elected Temporary Moderator.

The necessary quorum of seventy-five voters having been established, Town Clerk Leo A. Gosselin read the Warrant and the Return on the Warrant.

On motion of William Buckley, it was voted to take up Article 1 of the Warrant as the last article.

ARTICLE 2. On motion of Timothy A. Riordan, it was voted that the action of the Town Meeting held May 26 transferring to the Water Department the sum of \$1200.00 from Excess and Deficiency Account when available, be rescinded.

On motion of Timothy A. Riordan, it was voted to transfer the sum of \$1150.00 from the Overlay Surplus Account to the account of

the Water Department for the purchase and installation of a new pump for the pumping station, plus \$400.00 for current expenses, making a total of \$1550.00. Vote: unanimous.

ARTICLE 3. On motion of Andor deJony, it was voted to transfer the sum of \$2050.00 from the Overlay Surplus Account to the Welfare Department, said sum to include \$500.00 emergency overdraft authorized by the Board of Selectmen as of July 25. Vote: unanimous.

ARTICLE 4. On motion of Herbert Hannah, it was voted to transfer the sum of \$400.00 from the Overlay Surplus Account to the Police Department for current expenses. Vote: unanimous.

ARTICLE 5. On motion of Andor deJony to pass over this article, motion did not carry.

A motion of Romeo Carrier to appropriate the sum of \$600.00 for the "Damages to Persons and Property Fund," said sum to be raised by transfer from the Excess and Deficiency Fund, was declared by the Moderator to have been carried.

ARTICLE 1. Herbert Hannah, a member of a committee appointed by the Selectmen to study and investigate the Insurance policies of the town, made a report of part progress.

Andor deJony, as Chairman of the Finance Committee, reported on the investigation of the 1947 tax rate as authorized by the Special Town Meeting held May 26, 1947.

On motion of Edwin F. Tuttle, it was voted to dissolve the warrant at 10:00 P. M.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

December 1, 1947

In accordance with a warrant given under the hands of the Selectmen on November 22, 1947, the inhabitants of Bellingham qualified by law to vote in elections and town affairs met at the Town Hall in said Bellingham on Monday, December 1, 1947, at 8:00 P. M., and proceeded to act on the articles of the warrant as follows:

In the absence of Moderator William W. Fairbanks, Town Clerk Leo

A. Gosselin opened the meeting by calling for the election of a temporary Moderator. Two candidates having been nominated, Gordon C. MacMasters and Alfred E. Staves, a vote was taken, with 54 voting for MacMasters and 54 voting for Staves. A second vote being taken, MacMasters received 59 votes and Staves 57 votes, with MacMasters being declared elected Moderator pro tem.

The required quorum of seventy-five voters having been established, Town Clerk Leo A. Gosselin read the Warrant and the Return on the Warrant.

ARTICLE 1. On motion of Herbert Nutting, it was voted to rescind the action of the Town Meeting held August 4, 1947, transferring \$400.00 from the Overlay Surplus Account to the Police Department.

ARTICLE 2. On motions of Herbert Nutting, Warren E. Whiting and Henry Guerin, it was voted to pass over the various items in this article (to see if the Town will vote to rescind the action of the Town Meeting held May 26, 1947, transferring the following sum of money from the Excess and Deficiency Funds when available: \$10,000.00 for South School Heating System, \$2000.00 for Hartford Avenue sidewalks, and \$3000.00 for rebuilt grader).

ARTICLE 3. On motion of Joseph I. Taylor, it was voted to appropriate the sum of \$5000.00 for Public Welfare, said sum to be raised by transfer of \$4600.00 from estimated receipts and \$400.00 from the Overlay Surplus Account.

On motion of Andor deJony, it was voted to appropriate the sum of \$500.00 for Aid to Dependent Children, said sum to be raised by transfer of \$500.00 from estimated receipts.

On motion of Leo A. Stearns, it was voted to appropriate the sum of \$1800.00 for Old Age Assistance, said sum to be raised by transfer of \$1800.00 from the Excess and Deficiency Account.

On motion of Andor deJony, it was voted to appropriate the sum of \$900.00 for Veterans' Benefits, said sum to be raised by transfer of \$900 from estimated receipts; the said \$900.00 to be for the following purposes: \$850.00 for Veterans' Benefits, and \$50.00 for Veterans' Administration.

ARTICLE 4. On motion of Andor deJony, it was voted to pass over this article (to see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money

from the Assessors' appropriation to be used as salaries for the Assessors).

ARTICLE 5. On motion of Edgar Wade, it was voted to appropriate the sum of \$1200.00 for the Machinery Account, said sum to be raised by transfer of \$1200.00 from the Machinery Revenue Account.

ARTICLE 6. On motion of Andor deJony, it was voted to appropriate the sum of \$300.00 for the Treasurer's Department, said sum to be raised by transfer of \$300.00 from the Tax Title Foreclosure Account; the said \$300.00 being for the following purposes: \$100.00 for supplies; \$125.00 for travel expenses; and \$75.00 for Salary.

ARTICLE 7. On motion of Andor deJony, to appropriate the sum of \$1400.00 for the Police Department, said sum to be raised by transfer from estimated receipts, the motion did not carry: a record vote taken in accordance with Section 22 of Article 2 of the town By-Laws did not show the required two-thirds of the voters present and voting as approving the appropriation, the vote being: YES: 62; NO: 57.

On motion of Lionel R. Trudeau, it was voted to appropriate the sum of \$1825.28 for the School Department, said sum to be raised by transfer of \$525.28 from the Dog License Fund, \$400.00 from the Vocational Training account, and \$900.00 from estimated receipts.

On motion of Herbert Hannah, it was voted to appropriate the sum of \$3500.00 for the Water Department, said sum to be raised by transfer of \$475.00 from Mann Street water extension account, \$35.04 from Carrier Street water extension account, and \$2989.96 from estimated receipts.

On motion of Herbert Hannah, it was voted to appropriate the sum of \$400.00 for the Town Hall, said sum to be raised by transfer of \$400.00 from estimated receipts.

On motion of Timothy A. Riordan, it was voted to appropriate the sum of \$250.00 for the North Bellingham Community Building, said sum to be raised by transfer of \$250.00 from estimated receipts.

On motion of Herbert Hannah, it was voted to appropriate the sum of \$1300.00 for Snow Removal, said sum to be raised by transfer of \$544.00 from the Machinery Revenue Account, \$20.51 from the 1945 Snow Removal excess account, \$110.16 from the Scott's Curve account, and \$625.33 from estimated receipts.

On motion of Herbert Hannah, it was voted to appropriate the sum of \$100.00 for Elections and Registration, said sum to be raised by transfer of \$100.00 from estimated receipts.

On motion of Herbert Hannah, it was voted to appropriate the sum of \$200.00 for Street Lighting, said sum to be raised by transfer of \$200.00 from estimated receipts.

On motion of Herbert Nutting, it was voted to appropriate the sum of \$200.00 for South Bellingham Community Building, said sum to be raised by transfer of \$200.00 from estimated receipts.

ARTICLE 8. On motion of Andor deJony, it was voted to pass over this article (to see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to lay out roads in the vicinity of Lake Hiawatha or any portion thereof.)

ARTICLE 9. On motion of Edwin F. Tuttle, it was voted to pass over this article (to choose any committee, and hear the report of any committee).

On motion of Paul Robidoux, it was voted to dissolve the warrant at 10:30 P. M.

1947 DOG LICENSES ISSUED IN BELLINGHAM

Male:	278	at \$2.00	556.00
Female	27	at 5.00	135.00
Spayed	64	at 2.00	128.00
Kennel	1	at 10.00	10.00
Kennel	1	at 25.00	25.00
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Totals	371		854.00
Clerk's fees: 371 at .20 each			74.20
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Paid Town Treasurer			779.80

LICENSES ISSUED FOR DIVISION OF FISHERIES AND GAME

Jan. 1, 1947, to Dec. 31, 1947

Resident Fishing	239	at \$2.00	\$478.00
Resident Hunting	86	at 2.00	172.00
Resident Sporting	103	at 3.25	334.75
Resident Women and Minors	64	at 1.25	80.00
Resident Trapping	10	at 5.25	52.50
Non-Resident 3 Day Fishing	6	at 1.50	9.00
Non-Resident Minor Fishing	15	at 2.25	33.75
Non-Resident Fishing	183	at 5.25	960.75
Non-Resident Hunting	29	at 10.25	297.25
Non-Resident Sporting	2	at 15.25	30.50
Non-Resident Trapping	1	at 15.25	15.25
Duplicates	4	at .50	2.00
Resident Sporting (70 years)	15	Free	
Resident Military Service	1	Free	
Resident Fishing (65 years)	3	Free	
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Total Licenses Issued:	761		
Total amount collected			\$2,465.75
Fees of Town Clerk:	738	at .25	184.50
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Paid Division of Fisheries and Game:			\$2,281.25

BIRTHS RECORDED IN BELLINGHAM IN 1947

DATE	NAMES OF PARENTS
January	
5 Marcel Robert Beauregard	Rodolphe and Doris (Côté)
13 David Robert Brule	J. Gilbert and Antoinette (Girard)
13 Gail Elizabeth Gariepy	Joseph L. and Elizabeth (Martel)
21 Roger Lavallee	Leo and Viola (Anger)
24 Julie Katherine Laplante	Donat and Jeannette (Pirani)
26 Ronald Andre Dalpe	Viateur and Irene (Marchand)
February	
8 Linda Rovedo	Joseph and Cecile (Gelinas)
8 Roger Herve Lariviere	Herve and Jeannette (Rainey)
9 David Martin Rooney	William B. and Edna (Thomas)
9 Joseph Albert Kozimor	Adam and Valeria (Paskanik)
16 Robert James Desjarlais	Lawrence and Anna (Powers)
23 Frances Sadowski	Edward and Katherine (Krystalowicz)
28 Thomas Joseph Godin	Romeo and Irene (Morin)
March	
2 Theresa Ernesta Giordano	Joseph and Theresa (Grassi)
3 Donna Mae Leone	Thomas and Julia (Sullivan)
9 Leo Roland Roy	Roland and Bernadette (Bastien)
11 Paulette Jean Gareau	Emile and Theresa (Rondeau)
14 ———— Sousa	Joseph M. and Helen (Tebeau)
22 Alan Gregory Worrall	Herbert and Doris (Burrows)
April	
12 Linda Margaret Mahon	Thomas A. and Stella (Kraucunas)
14 Linda Frances Riga	Augustus and Helen (Kinnear)
17 Joseph Abram	Louis and Dorothy (Paige)
22 Patricia Pauline Perron	Omer A. and Sophie (Baldiga)
28 Beverly Ann Pleau	William A. and Marjorie (Baker)
May	
11 Pamela Ann Robinson	Leo and Gladys (Longton)
13 Victoria Melody White	William and Bertha (Wallace)
16 Jeanne Mucciarone	Domenick and Eugina (Hucal)
23 Joan Gill	Thomas and Jeannette (Paquin)
23 Janet Clara Rutan	Raymond and Phyllis Audrey (Brown)
24 Theresa Yvette Leblanc	Adelard and Gilberte (Remillard)
29 Roland Robert Laprade	Armand and Annette (Gladu)
31 Linda Melody Zelenski	Michael and Genevieve (Powell)
June	
5 Lawrence Edward Godin	Antonio and Gladys (Beaubien)
7 Amalya Ann Jacks	Clinton and Victoria (Grzych)

8 Yolande Aldora Robidoux
 13 Arlene Viola Ramsay
 13 Philip James Stockton
 13 Donald William Lipsett
 15 Pauline Eveline Anger
 19 Jeanne Marie Dauphin
 20 Margie Judith Bradeen
 21 Karen Alexandrowicz
 30 Robert Francis Brown
July
 2 Jacqueline Claire Biron
 4 ——— Henschel
 11 Anne Louise Cardinal
 12 Kathleen Lillian Cook
 22 Richard Allen Eldredge

 26 John Ashley Gammons, 3rd
August
 15 ——— Hill
 19 Lorraine Constance Rivard
 22 Roger Roland Brunelle
 25 ——— Canastra
 26 Roger Ernest Menard
 31 Edward Moore
September
 5 Patricia Ann Masse
 14 ——— Klowan
 15 Jane Doris Grabathy
 16 Richard Albert Grady
 17 ——— Flynn
 18 Donna Marie Sahagian
 18 Marie Claire Diane Cote
 20 Janice Doris Dalpe
 24 Linda Joanne Mostek
October
 2 Roger Albert Lussier
 10 Roland Herve Desmarais
 12 Richard Harland Grover, Jr.
 15 Margaret Mary McNamara
 21 Jeannette Constance Plante
 31 Claire Lucille Robidoux
November
 5 Karen Ruth Weaver
 10 Linda Theresa Paquin
 18 Jean Louis Laquerre

Leo and Aldora (Lataille)
 Norman and Arlene (Lescarbeau)
 James and Winifred (Moon)
 Howard S. and Violet (Clang)
 Albert and Lucienne (Belanger)
 Lucien and Rita (Martin)
 Fred W. and Alberta (Curtiss)
 Edmund and Helen (Marchwicki)
 Robert and Jean (Stengel)

 Willie and Lorette (Pelletier)
 George H. and Doris (Ramsdell)
 Roland and Helene (Carrier)
 Wyman and Lillian (St. Louis)
 Emerson C. and Virginia (MacDou-
 gall)
 John A. and Dorris (Wade)

 Morgan R. and Mina (Greene)
 Marcel and Cecile (Duhaime)
 Joseph and Simone (Brunelle)
 Jose and Claire (Guyette)
 Oscar and Theresa (Menard)
 Donald and Ruth (Stone)

 Robert and Irene (Reilly)
 John and Olga (Kuchar)
 Walter and Lucille (Girard)
 Edmond and Ruth (Van Slyke)
 George J. and Geraldine (Gay)
 Paul and Elaine (Levitre)
 Alfred and Liane (Racine)
 Omer and Hortense (Robidoux)
 Walter J. and Helen (Golubowski)

 Eugene and Lorette (Remillard)
 Laurice and Yvette (Heroux)
 Richard and Florence (Perreault)
 Roger and Margaret (Mulligan)
 Horace and Cecile (Pouliot)
 Robert and Rita (Sauvageau)

 Thurlow and Ruth (Newell)
 Ephrem and Theresa (Roy)
 Jean B. and Yvonne (Pelletier)

21 ——— Cunetta
23 Normand Gaston Caron, Jr.
28 Michael Charles Dorval
December
8 Roland Marcel Trudeau
10 Nestor Camille Chamber-
land, Jr.
23 Rosaline Guillemette

Anthony and Virginia (Medeiros)-
Normand and Anita (Levitre)
Albert and Lucienne (Vaillant)
Ulric and Lorette (Lataille)
Nestor and Rhea (Bernier)
Albert and Paulette (Schivi)

MARRIAGES RECORDED IN BELLINGHAM — 1947

DATE	NAME	RESIDENCE	MARRIED BY:
			PLACE.
January			
1	Robert Harold Nelson Dorothy A. Copeland	Wrentham Bellingham	George S. Perry, J. of P. Wrentham, Mass.
18	Samuel L. Bagdasarian Lillian Ann Daigle	Watertown Bellingham	Charles B. Moisan, Priest, Bellingham, Mass.
25	Marcel A. Dussault Doris L. Guertin	Bellingham Woonsocket, R. I.	Andre Lefebvre, Priest, Woonsocket, R.I.
February			
8	Arthur Roland Aucoin Woonsocket, R.I. Loretta V. Riquier	Bellingham	Edmond V. Cornellier, Priest, Bellingham, Mass.
8	Joseph Robert Landi N. Smithfield, R.I. Alice Marie Gelinas	Bellingham	Charles B. Moisan, Priest, Bellingham, Mass.
15	Maurice R. Boiteau Madeleine D. Berard	Bellingham Woonsocket, R.I.	Arthur L. Bienvenue, Priest, Woonsocket, R.I.
17	Jean Paul Lefrancois Woonsocket, R.I. Jennie Zhawred	Bellingham	Arthur F. Roby, J. of P., Concord, N.H.
April			
5	Roland L. Leclaire Mabel A. Arnold	Wrentham Bellingham	George S. Perry, J. of P., Wrentham, Mass.
12	Varas Barsamian Alice Germagian	Bellingham Milford	Milford, Mass.
12	Roland Edgar Limoges Woonsocket, R.I. Beatrice M. R. Lataille	Bellingham	Edmond V. Cornellier, Priest, Bellingham, Mass.
19	Henry Norman Labrecque Luvia Medeline Cook	N. Smithfield, R. I. Bellingham	Edmond V. Cornellier, Priest, Bellingham, Mass.
19	Clayton Earl Wright Jr. Elizabeth F. Thomas	Bellingham	C. Allan Goss, Minister, Milford, Mass.
19	Richard Cary Hill June Clark Eaton	Bellingham Milton	Robert M. Pierce, Clergy- man, Milton, Mass.
19	Joseph L. Picard Constance M. Lavallee	Bellingham	Paul E. Desrosiers, Priest, Woonsocket, R.I.
23	Raymond Paul Ladouceur Pauline Theresa Bouvier	Woonsocket, R. I. Bellingham	Edmond V. Cornellier, Priest, Bellingham, Mass.
May			
3	William Oliver Rogers Doris A. Ouellette	Bellingham	Edmond V. Cornellier, Priest, Bellingham, Mass.
4	Joseph Fournier Cedulie Gauvin	Bellingham	Charles B. Moisan, Priest, Bellingham, Mass.

14	James Miller Colt	Bellingham	Robert S. Leonard, J. of P.,
	Ruth G. Appleton	Milford	Grafton, Mass.
10	Frederick Monty	Bellingham	Eugene Durocher, Priest,
	Marie-Louise Marcil	Woonsocket, R.I.	Woonsocket, R.I.
10	John R. Lavigne	Mechanicsville, N.Y.	Pasquale Rotondi, Priest,
	Inessa R. Gigante	Bellingham	Woonsocket, R.I.
12	Lionel J. Paquin	Bellingham	Edward F. Dwyer, Judge,
	Florette E. Bryda	Woonsocket, R.I.	Woonsocket, R.I.
19	Joseph Francis Spas	Bellingham	Edmond V. Cornellier,
	Helen R. Pichie	Bellingham	Priest, Bellingham
21	Albert Francis Dorval	Bellingham	Edmond V. Cornellier,
	Luciene C. Vaillant	Bellingham	Priest, Bellingham
22	William Emile Barrette	Bellingham	Trueman J. Menadue, Minister,
	Jeannine E. Belanger	Bellingham	Franklin, Mass.
27	George A. Brouillette	Pawtucket, R.I.	Ovila H. Brouillette, Priest,
	Annette D. Tessier	Bellingham	Bellingham, Mass.
30	Raymond H. Cadoret	Blackstone	Edmond V. Cornellier,
	Clemence B. Brisson	Bellingham	Priest, Bellingham
30	Julien G. Dubois	Blackstone	Arthur L. Bienvenue,
	Florida Landreville	Bellingham	Priest, Bellingham.
30	Horace N. Plante	Blackstone	Charles B. Moisan, Priest,
	Cecile B. Pouliot	Bellingham	Bellingham.
30	Francis R. Godin	Bellingham	Paul E. Desrosiers, Priest,
	Lillian Lefrancois	Woonsocket, R.I.	Woonsocket, R.I.
31	Alfred D. Gaboury	Woonsocket, R.I.	Edmond V. Cornellier,
	Constance B. Farley	Bellingham	Priest, Bellingham.
31	Normand C. Paquin	Woonsocket, R.I.	Charles B. Moisan, Priest,
	Gertrude A. Belanger	Bellingham	Bellingham.
June			
6	Wilfrid J. Leblanc	Bellingham	J. Ganfield Sallis, clergy-
	Frances I. Dahlstrom	Bellingham	man, Milford, Mass.
7	Joseph Alfred Desroches	Woonsocket, R.I.	
	Rhea Beatrice Trudeau	Bellingham	Edmond V. Cornellier,
14	Francis Raymond Poirier	Bellingham	Priest, Bellingham.
	Rita J. Yelle	Woonsocket, R.I.	Moise Leprohon, Priest,
21	Frank Stanley Kozimor	Bellingham	Woonsocket, R.I.
	Dorothy A. Freeman	Franklin	Samuel J. Lombard, Priest,
21	Ernest L. Kempton, Jr.	Milford	Franklin, Mass.
	Frances E. Kinnear	Bellingham	E. Allan Goss, Minister,
21	Theophile H. Barnabe	Woonsocket, R.I.	Milford, Mass.
	Thea Lena Rotatori	Bellingham	Charles B. Moisan, Priest,
21	Ernest P. Provencal	Bellingham	Bellingham.
	Rita Landry	Woonsocket, R.I.	Lucien Roussel, Priest,
			Woonsocket, R.I.

22	Cyril A. Peloquin	Woonsocket, R.I.	Frederick L. Bertram,
	Ann Robey	Bellingham	Minister, Bellingham.
28	Edwin C. Gies	Framingham	Charles N. Humber, minister, Bellingham.
	Winnifred H. Tyndall	Bellingham	
28	Lionel S. Benjamin	Blackstone	Edmond V. Cornellier,
	Helene G. Riquier	Bellingham	Priest, Bellingham.
28	Lionel R. Leclaire	Bellingham	F. Howard McCullough,
	Gertrude F. Tetreault	Mendon	Priest, Hopedale, Mass.
28	John Robert Cordone	Milford	Frederick G. M. Driscoll,
	Ruth M. Frances Wilde	Bellingham	Priest, Bellingham.
28	Herve Dumont	Bellingham	Andre Lefebvre, Priest,
	Gloria Joyal	Woonsocket, R.I.	Woonsocket, R.I.
28	Maurice Picard	Bellingham	A. Massicotte, Priest,
	Rita T. Rivard	Woonsocket, R.I.	Woonsocket, R.I.
28	Emile Gaulin	Bellingham	George A. Beaudet, Clerk,
	Marie-Ange Hebert	Woonsocket, R.I.	Woonsocket, R.I.
28	Normand H. Gladu	Bellingham	J. A. Laliberte, Priest,
	Yvonne M. Girouard	Lincoln, R.I.	Central Falls, R.I.

July

12	James A. Bliss	Bellingham	Vedder Van Dyke, clergy-
	Virginia F. Brooks	St. Albans, Vt.	man, St. Albans, Vt.
20	Joseph J. Calarese	Milford	Edmond V. Cornellier,
	Josephine T. Santini	Bellingham	Priest, Bellingham, Mass.
26	Kenneth A. Reid	Bellingham	Leo A. O'Leary, Priest,
	Irene A. Lague	Holliston	Holliston.

August

16	Henry Biron	Bellingham	Charles B. Moisan, Priest,
	Anna G. Biron	Bellingham	Bellingham.
16	Edward O. Brisson	Bellingham	Charles B. Moisan, Priest,
	Janice S. Bulwa	Woonsocket, R.I.	Bellingham.
29	Chester W. Hobbs	Bellingham	H. N. Schluntz, Clergy-
	Virginia Clark	Franklin	man, Franklin.
30	Andrew L. Aubin	Burrillville, R.I.	Edmond V. Cornellier,
	Therese Rita Richer	Bellingham	Priest, Bellingham.
30	Robert Willkie, Jr.	Lincoln, R.I.	Charles B. Moisan, Priest,
	Theresa A. Debigare	Bellingham	Bellingham.

September

1	Donald F. Duncan	Blackstone	Edmond V. Cornellier,
	Pauline M. Cote	Bellingham	Priest, Bellingham.
1	Roland A. Robidoux	Bellingham	Valmore Lambert, Priest,
	Theresa A. Champagne	Woonsocket, R.I.	Woonsocket, R.I.
6	Arthur Caron	Bellingham	George B. Gray, Priest,
	Madeline Gasbarro	Franklin	Franklin.

6	Frank W. Roach	Boston	Joseph A. Sisk, Minister,
	Janet D. Brown	Bellingham	Bellingham.
8	Lionel J. Remillard	Bellingham	Luke Fennessey, Priest,
	Germaine D. Benjamin	Blackstone	Blackstone.
20	Severe Tessier	Woonsocket, R.I.	Charles B. Moisan, Priest,
	Marie O. Debigare	Bellingham	Bellingham.
20	Conrad L. Dufault	Blackstone	Edmond V. Coronellier,
	Theresa G. Pelland	Bellingham	Priest, Bellingham.
27	Villu Vilnit	Franklin	Edmond V. Cornellier,
	Doris B. Johnson	Bellingham	Priest, Bellingham.
27	Paul G. Barrette	Bellingham	Eugene Durocher, Priest,
	Yvonne A. Denault	Woonsocket, R.I.	Woonsocket, R.I.
27	John C. Taylor	Bellingham	Trueman J. Menadue, Minister,
	Nancy L. Tuttle	Franklin	Franklin.
October			
4	Lloyd A. Brown	Bellingham	C. Allan Goss, Minister,
	Edna Mae Nealley	Bellingham	Milford.
11	Bertrand Z. Remillard	Bellingham	Gregoire Ratte, Priest,
	Doris H. Morrissette	Blackstone	Blackstone.
11	Roland Dumas	Woonsocket, R.I.	Leo A. Gosselin, J. of P.,
	Florence Cochrane	Blackstone	Bellingham.
18	Howard O. Jones	Bellingham	Gordon P. Taft, Clergy-
	Amy E. Jones	Waltham	man, Waltham.
18	Simeon Kokolski	Woonsocket, R.I.	Charles B. Moisan, Priest,
	Georgette M. M. Brisson	Bellingham	Bellingham.
November			
8	Joseph Holubesko	Lincoln, R.I.	Edmond V. Cornellier,
	Lucille E. Lemire	Bellingham	Priest, Bellingham
8	Arthur F. Clark	Bellingham	Victor DeMichei, Priest,
	Virginia A. Paganelli	Milford	Milford.
8	Robert E. Glockner	Bellingham	Charles N. Humber, Minister,
	Anita M. Volkmann	Bellingham	Bellingham.
11	Marcel L. Arel	Woonsocket, R.I.	Edmond V. Cornellier,
	Lillian R. Arcand	Bellingham	Priest, Bellingham.
11	Eugene R. Pinsonneault	Lincoln, R.I.	Charles B. Moisan, Priest,
	Juliette T. Plouffe	Bellingham	Bellingham.
15	Ralph J. Benzino	Tonawanda, N.Y.	Charles B. Moisan, Priest,
	Anita Eva Richard	Bellingham	Bellingham.
17	Romeo A. Collamati	Bellingham	Edmond V. Cornellier,
	Helen Y. Bouvier	Bellingham	Priest, Bellingham.
8	Russell L. Young	Bellingham	Joseph Bertone, Priest,
	Angelina T. Messana	Framingham	Framingham.
27	Philias A. Martin	Woonsocket, R.I.	Edmond V. Cornellier,
	Alice C. Carrier	Bellingham	Priest, Bellingham.

27	Albert D. Kane	Bellingham	Felix Aber, Rabbi,
	Gloria Tuttleman	New York, N.Y.	Woonsocket, R.I.
29	Norbert J. Chouinard	Sutton	Frederick G. M. Driscoll,
	Helen J. Crochunas	Franklin	Priest, Bellingham.
29	Alfred C. DeTore	Milford	Thomas J. Carberry,
	Catherine J. Mabey	Bellingham	Priest, Milford.
29	Clement C. Brisson	Bellingham	Edmond V. Cornellier,
	Sylvia J. Gabrielson	Woonsocket, R.I.	Priest, Bellingham.
29	Windsor D. Bates	Bellingham	Charles B. Moisan, Priest,
	Lucienne A. Colmont	Bellingham	Bellingham.
29	James P. Bowers	Woonsocket, R.I.	Edmond V. Cornellier,
	Irma V. Leonardi	Bellingham	Priest, Bellingham.

December

12	Thomas C. Hall	Norfolk	John W. Wright, Clergy-
	Mildred E. Cook	Bellingham	man, Merrimac, N.H.
27	Edward J. Leblanc	Bellingham	Frederick G. M. Driscoll,
	Dorothy G. Chattaway	Bellingham	Priest, Bellingham.

DEATHS RECORDED IN BELLINGHAM IN 1947

DATE	NAME	AGE	CAUSE OF DEATH
January			
6	Edward Sidney Whalley	5 days	Intestinal obstruction
8	Mary Ann Dwyer	72	Cerebral hemorrhage
15	Mary Blake Adams	73	Coronary occlusion
21	Rene R. Berard	52	Cerebral hemorrhage
31	Rita Dumont	28	Tuberculosis
February			
12	George Miclete	62	Coronary occlusion
14	Giovanna Volpe	75	Coronary thrombosis
March			
2	Matteo Scola	71	Carcinoma
13	Joseph Alcide Paquin	54	Coronary thrombosis
15	Nathan J. Talbot	67	Pulmonary edema
18	George W. Morse	78	Chronic myocarditis
April			
13	Louisa Gagnon	66	Cirrhosis
May			
3	Oscar Menard	76	Coronary thrombosis
20	Adouilda Gervais	54	Cerebral thrombosis
23	Nettie A. Holbrook	75	Pneumonia
25	William Ronald Kennelly	21	Peritonitis
26	John H. Holbrook	75	Cardiae failure
31	Carrie M. Spear	49	Cancer
July			
1	Michael Weseluk	68	Fractured skull and ribs
August			
18	Adelard Desjardins	76	Heart disease
28	William Oliver Hackett	81	Heart disease
September			
8	Herbert H. Ambler	72	Cardiac failure
October			
2	Eva Marie Nainteau	54	Cerebral hemorrhage
12	Edwin Allen Varney	77	Coronary thrombosis
20	Ferdinand deJony	84	Coronary thrombosis
21	Albert George Mowry	77	Cancer
November			
2	Carolina Bourdon	76	Carcinomatosis
18	Delima Emma Gardner	66	Coronary occlusion

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF REGISTRARS

The Board of Registrars of Voters, composed of Chairman Michael F. Ryan, Harland E. Cook, Ernest Dubois, and Clerk Leo A. Gosselin, held sessions for the registration of voters in 1947 as follows:

Town Hall: February 19,

North Bellingham Schoolhouse: February 11,

South Bellingham Community Building: February 11.

Sessions were held at the Town Hall for the tabulation of votes cast at the Town Election, and for recounts of votes for the office of Town Clerk and Tree Warden.

The number of registered voters as of December 31, 1947, is as follows:

Precinct 1	465
Precinct 2	352
Precinct 3	1092
 Total	 1909

MICHAEL F. RYAN
HARLAND E. COOK
ERNEST DUBOIS

Registrars of Bellingham

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

The Board of Assessors herewith present a summary of the figures used in setting the 1947 tax rate:

Gross amount to be raised	\$246,894.03
Total estimated receipts and available funds	\$79,875.96
Net amount to be raised by taxation on polls and property	\$141,123.07
Number of polls—1139	\$2,278.00
Total valuation of personal property—\$339,045	\$13,900.85
Total real estate—\$3,047,420	124,944.22
Total real and personal valuation	\$3,386,465.00
Tax rate for 1947—\$41.00 per thousand.	
Increased valuation from previous year	\$436,219.00

This increase in valuation was the main factor in the reduction of the rate from the previous year.

It is with considerable regret that the Board of Assessors must announce that the sum of \$16,300.00 raised at special Town Meetings during 1947 along with many thousands for unpaid bills for Snow Removal, Police and other departments carried over from 1947 must be charged against 1948 tax rate. This carryover from previous year must inevitably bring about a serious increase in the 1948 tax rate.

CLARENCE W. HOYT
ELLSWORTH R. CROOKS
FRANCIS P. DIGGINS

Assessors of the Town of Bellingham.

REPORT OF THE CHIEF OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen,

Town of Bellingham.

Gentlemen:

As chief of the Fire Department and forest fire warden, I hereby wish to submit the following report for the year ending December 31, 1947:

Fire alarms answered by the fire apparatus are as follows:

Building fires	10
Chimney fires	3
Automobile fires	3
Oil stove fires	2
Forest and brush fires	60
False alarms	5
 Total alarms	 83

The firemen of both companies should be commended on the good spirit of co-operation that they have shown during the past year.

I wish at this time to thank the Board of Selectmen for the splendid co-operation they have given me during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

WASYL KORNICKI,

Chief of the Fire Department.

REPORT OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE

January 1, 1948.

Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

As chief of police I hereby submit the report of my department for the year ending December 31, 1947:

Complaints received and investigated	432
Forty-two of these were motor vehicle accidents, one fatal.	
Summons served for out of town police departments	23
Arrests made for out of town police departments	2
Arrests made for:	
Assault and battery	2
Abortion	1
Accessory before the fact to commit abortion	3
Breaking and entering and larceny	3
Delinquent child	2
Dog, keeping unlicensed	1
Drunkenness	3
Driving under the influence	4
Driving so as to endanger	11
Lewdness	2
Larceny	2
Motor vehicles violations	22
Non support	1
Sudden death	3
Taken to Foxborough State Institution	2

Respectfully submitted

E. A. FLEUETTE

Chief of Police.

REPORT OF THE DOG OFFICER

January 14, 1948.

Board of Selectmen,

Gentlemen:

As dog officer I hereby submit my report for the year ending December 31, 1947.

Complaints received and investigated	83
Stray dogs confined, killed and buried	57
Dogs killed request of owners	4
Persons bitten by dogs	15
Owner of property, damaged by dogs	1
Dogs hit by automobiles	12
Dead	7
Dogs killed for destroying property	3
Owners notified to pay dog license	85

ALL DOGS MUST BE LICENSED BY APRIL 1.

Respectfully submitted,

E. A. FLEUETTE

Dog Officer.

REPORT OF THE PHYSICIAN TO THE BOARD OF HEALTH

Board of Selectmen,

Town of Bellingham, Mass.

December 18, 1947.

Gentlemen:

The following is a report of the work done by me as physician to the Board of Public Health during the year:

Toxoid Clinic opened March 19 and closed May 7, 1947.

Fifty-four children received the three protective doses of Toxoid.

Fifteen children received one or two doses and for one reason or another did not finish. The age groups who finished are as follows:

From six months to one year

22

From one year to five years	23
From five years to nine years	8
Over nine years	1

Six children who did not receive booster doses in 1946 were given it this year.

For the first time in the history of the department, a vaccination clinic was held in June for preschool children at which fifty were vaccinated. We were also very fortunate not to have any serious epidemics during the year. There was only one case of Anterior Poliomyelitis reportable which in effect was cured.

I wish to thank you for your co-operation during the year and also Miss Grace Moran, R. N., for her able assistance.

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD L. SHENKER, M. D.

Physician to the Board of Health.

REPORT OF THE BELLINGHAM MUNICIPAL ATHLETIC FIELD COMMITTEE

The marked improvement in the Municipal Field during 1947 was due to the civic spirit of the people of the town, who wholeheartedly gave of their time and materials.

A work crew, Leo Marchand, Bertrand Boiteau, Eugene Garneau, James Wrenn, and Dave Tuttle, Sr., labored at least one night each week, from April to September. Roland Marchand, Normand Garneau, Girard Daigle, David Tuttle, Jr., Robert Tuttle, William Nicholson and Thomas Nicholson, also worked many nights. A group of younger boys which included Robert Nutting, Sam Gill, and Clifford Stead were of assistance. The fine baseball infield is a tribute to the work of these groups.

Paul Robidoux, Henry Guerin, William and Thomas Nicholson, and Leo Robidoux, working without pay, formed a contracting crew, erecting the new first base bleachers.

Donations of materials were received from the Varney Bros., War-

ren Whiting, George C. Rhodes, Walter Chamberland, Rosalphe Brodeur, and Joseph Fleuette.

The Selectmen, the Highway Superintendent and the Water Department deserve praise for their co-operation and contributions.

Much work still remains to be done on the field. If the present grounds and equipment are maintained, and improvements made yearly, Bellingham will eventually have a field that will compare favorably with those of other towns.

BERTRAND R. BOITEAU
Chairman
DAVID L. TUTTLE
WARREN E. WHITING
GEORGE C. RHODES

TOWN MEETING

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Norfolk, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Bellingham in the County of Norfolk

Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town, qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in Precinct No. 1, at the Community House in Precinct No. 2, and at the Community Building in Precinct No. 3, in said Bellingham, on Monday, the First day of March next, for the following purposes:

To bring in their votes upon one ballot to the Election Officers for the following Town Officers:

1. Moderator, for a term of one year.
2. Town Clerk, for a term of one year.
3. Town Treasurer, for a term of one year.
4. Three Selectmen, for the term of one year.
5. Water Commissioner, for a term of three years.
6. Assessor of Taxes, for a term of three years.
7. Assessor of Taxes, for a term of two years (to fill unexpired term).

8. Tree Warden, for a term of one year.
9. One School Committee Member, for a term of three years.
10. Board of Public Welfare Member, for a term of three years.
11. Board of Public Welfare Member, for a term of two years (to fill unexpired term).
12. Collector of Taxes, for a term of one year.
13. Cemetery Committee Member, for a term of three years.
14. Two Library Trustees, for a term of three years.
15. Four Constables, for a term of one year.

POLLS WILL BE OPEN AT 12:00 NOON AND CLOSE AT 8:00 P. M.

SUBSEQUENT MEETING

And also to meet in the Town Hall in said Bellingham on

FRIDAY, MARCH 5, 1948,

at 8:00 P. M., then and there to act upon the following articles:

ARTICLE 1. To hear the reports of the several Boards and other Town Officers and act or do anything thereon.

ARTICLE 2. To vote and raise appropriations for the following purposes, or act or do anything in relation thereto:

- Item 1. Moderator's Salary
- Item 2. Finance Committee
- Item 3. Selectmen's Dept.
- Item 4. Accountant's Dept.
- Item 5. Treasurer's Dept.
- Item 6. Tax Collector's Dept.
- Item 7. Assessors' Dept.
- Item 8. Certifying Notes
- Item 9. Town Clerk's Dept.
- Item 10. Election-Registration
- Item 11. Town Hall.
- Item 12. North Community Bldg.
- Item 13. South Community Bldg.
- Item 14. Police Dept.
- Item 15. Fire Dept.
- Item 16. Forest Fires.
- Item 17. Sealer of Weights-Measures.
- Item 18. Tree Warden
- Item 19. Moth Extermination
- Item 20. Health Dept.

- Item 21. Norfolk County Hospital
- Item 22. Highway Chapter 81
- Item 23. Highway Chapter 90
- Item 24. Highway General
- Item 25. Bridges and Railings
- Item 26. Snow Removal and Sand-ing
- Item 27. Signs—Guideboards
- Item 28. Street Lighting
- Item 29. Machinery Account
- Item 30. Public Welfare
- Item 31. Old Age Assistance
- Item 32. Aid to Dep. Children
- Item 33. Veterans' Benefits
- Item 34. Memorial-Armistice Day
- Item 35. School Dept.
- Item 36. Vocational Training
- Item 37. School Athletics
- Item 38. Water Dept.
- Item 39. Cemeteries
- Item 40. Town Reports
- Item 41. Town Counsel
- Item 42. Damage to Prop-Injuries
- Item 43. Munic. Athletic Field
- Item 44. Maturing Debt
- Item 45. Interest
- Item 46. Reserve Fund
- Item 47. Library
- Item 48. Unpaid Bills, Contracted
in Prior Years
- Item 49. Insurance
- Item 50. Norfolk County Retire-
ment System.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1949 and to issue note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, General Laws; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to sell land acquired by the Town through foreclosure of tax titles or through deeds of land of

law value; and to prescribe ways and methods of disposing of said land; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to sell lots numbered 729-730-731-732-733-734 on plan of "Social Villa," said sale to be in accordance with Section 4 of Article 3 of the Town By-Laws; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for repairs and improvements to School Buildings and grounds; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate sums of monies for the purpose of purchasing motor vehicles for the following departments: (1) Water Department, (2) Fire Department, and (3) Police Department; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to appoint a committee to consider the advisability of installing water mains on Lake Street, northerly of Pulaski Blvd., or act or do anything in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to accept the deeds and layouts of the following streets: (1) Highland Road; (2) the so-called "Hill Road" at Lake Hiawatha, running westerly from South Main Street to the road encircling the lake; and (3) Andrew Street for a distance of 250 feet south of Linwood Avenue, or act or do anything in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate sums of monies for the purpose of improving the following buildings: North Community House, South Community Building, and the Town Hall, or act or do anything in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will appoint a committee to investigate the heating plant servicing the Town Hall and Town Barn, or act or do anything in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of improving street lighting; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of improving the so-called

"Petrosky curve" on South Main Street; said sum to be used in conjunction with a contribution from the State and the County; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of continuing the work on Lake Street from McCarthy's corner (so called) to the town line; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of placing proper drainage on the southerly side of the Center school in the Common to prevent continued damage to the property of Mrs. M. D. Webber; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purposes:

Improving and tarring:

Pothier St., northerly of Westminister St.

Linwood Avenue

Prospect Street

Trenton Street

Repairs:

Wrentham Street

Widening and draining:

Chestnut Street, at the lower end.

Lakeview Avenue

Gravelling and Grading

Carrier street, at the furthest end.

or act or do anything in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will again appoint a Committee to consider the drainage on both sides of Pulaski Boulevard between the State Line and Crook's Corner; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 18. To choose any Committee and hear the report of any Committee; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

And you are hereby directed to serve this Warrant, by posting up attested copies thereof in said Town, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

HEREOF FAIL NOT, and make due return of this Warrant with

your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting, as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this 26th day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and forty-eight.

HENRY FORGET
TIMOTHY A. RIORDAN

Selectmen of Bellingham.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

To the Public Library Trustees:

The annual report of the librarian for the Bellingham Free Public Library is herewith presented:

Our circulation of books for the past year has shown a decided increase. This increase has been pronounced in both adult and juvenile categories.

We have again received an unusually large number of books as gifts from interested friends. These gifts are very much appreciated and help insure a good selection of varied reading material. We would like to take this opportunity to thank these contributors.

The outside of the library has been painted.

At this time, I would like to express my grateful appreciation to the trustees, my assistants, the teachers, and the janitor for their co-operation.

Respectfully submitted,

LILLIAN H. GRANGER,

Librarian.

Jan. 8, 1948.

Circulation

Central Library	5640
Crook's Corner Branch	1514
North Branch	866
 Total	 8020

Regulations

The Public Library is open on Friday from 12 noon to 4 p. m. and from 7 to 8 at night with the exception of legal holidays at which time the library is open on Thursday.

The Branch Library at Crook's Corner in the Community Building is open from 12:30 to 4:30 and from 7 to 8 on Fridays.

North Bellingham Branch in the home of Thelma Lakeman, Hartford Avenue, North Bellingham, is open on Friday from 2 to 4 and from 7 to 8 p. m.

Magazines and Periodicals

Saturday Evening Post
 Newsweek
 American Home
 Our Dumb Animals
 National News of the American
 Legion Auxiliary
 Good Housekeeping
 Ladies' Home Journal
 Better Homes and Gardens
 Child Life

Accessions

Volumes added by purchase	202
Volumes added by gifts	47
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	249

New Books Added to December 31, 1947

Classified Books

Author	Title
MacDonald, Betty.....	The Egg and I
Woman's Home Companion.....	Woman's Home Companion Cook Book
Fischer, John.....	Why They Behave Like Russians
Aronson, Joseph.....	Book of Furniture and Decoration
Botkin, B. A.....	Treasury of American Folklore
Powell, Vee.....	How to Make Hats and Accessories
Karski, Jan.....	The Secret State
Walsh, Henry.....	Make-It-Yourself Book of Handicrafts

Cross, Milton.....	Complete Stories of Great Operas
Bell, E. T.....	Men of Mathematics
Maney, Stacey.....	It's Fun to Make It Yourself
DuNouy, Lecomte	Human Destiny
Roper, Trevor.....	Last Days of Hitler
Courant, Richard.....	What Is Mathematics?
Illustrated Encyclopedia of American Wild Flowers	
Illustrated Encyclopedia of American Birds	
Austin, Mary.....	Earth Horizon
Tilton, George Fred.....	Cap'n George Fred
Nye, Bud.....	Home Is Where You Find It
Brogan, D. W.....	The American Character
De La Mare, Walter	Rhymes and Verses

Adult Fiction

Balwin, Faith.....	Woman on Her Way
Wells, Carolyn.....	Patty Blossoms
Gaddis, Peggy.....	Harvest in the Hills
Dekobra, Maurice	Shanghai Honeymoon
DuMaurier, Daphne.....	King's General
Kerr, Sophie.....	Jenny Devlin
Hampson, John.....	Saturday Night at the Greyhound
Miller, Elizabeth.....	Daybreak
Lagerlof, Selma.....	The Wonderful Adventure of Nils
Cunningham, H. L.....	One Man Must Die
Fletcher, J.....	The Cartwright Gardens Murder
Galsworthy, John.....	A Modern Comedy
Mott, Frank L.....	Good Stories
Williams, Rebecca Yancey.....	The Vanishing Virginian
Sharp, Marjory.....	Britannia Mews
Buck, Pearl.....	Pavilion of Women
Norris, Kathleen.....	Baker's Dozen
Norris, Kathleen.....	Wife for Sale
Ward, Mary Jane.....	Snake Pit
Block, Libbie	Bedeveled
Brooks, Anne Tedlock.....	Only the Gulls Cry
Carew, Jean.....	Yours with Love
Courtlandt, Roberts.....	Fairest of All
Gaddis, Peggy.....	Someone to Love
Wentworth, Patricia.....	Latter End
White, Stewart Edward.....	Saga of Andy Burnett
Yerby, Frank	The Vixens
Norris, Frank.....	The Octopus
Roy, Gabrielle.....	Tin Flute

Prouty, Olive Higgins.....	Home Port
Wodehouse, P. G.....	Full Moon
Cody, Al	West of the Law
Grey, Zane	Valley of Wild Horses
Todd, Helen	High Places
Rutledge, Nancy	Preying Mantis
Eberhart, Mignon	Another Woman's House
Ruck, Berta.....	Tomboy in Lace
Bassett, Sara Ware.....	Head Winds
Wouk, Herman	Aurora Dawn
Hudson, W. H.....	Green Mansions
Norris, Kathleen.....	The Secret of Hillyard House
Waugh, Evelyn	Brideshead Revisited
Marquand, John	So Little Time
Sholem, Asch.....	East River
Roberts, Kenneth.....	Lydia Bailey
Thomas, Duncan.....	Gus the Great
Marshall, Bruce.....	Vespers in Vienna
Wentworth, Patricia.....	Grey Mask
Wentworth, Patricia.....	Hue & Cry
Wentworth, Patricia.....	Will-o-the-Wisp
Pryde, Anthony.....	The Son of the House
Webster, Henry	The Quartz Eye
Webster, Henry	The Man with the Scarred Hand
Harris, Kathleen	The Doctor's Name was Mary
Hilton, James	Nothing So Strange
Brown, Joe David	Stars in My Crown
Loring, Emily	Beckoning Trails
Breslin, Howard	The Tamarack Tree
Lockridge, Frances & Richard.....	Untidy Murder
King, Rufus	Lethal Lady
Coles, Manning	Let the Tiger Die
Clark, Dorothy	Poison Speaks Softly
Gardner, Stanley	The Case of the Lazy Lover
McGrath, Harold	Blue Rajah Murder
Reynolds, Baillie	Innocent Accomplice
Small, Austin	Vantine Diamonds
Amos, Alan	Borderline Murder
Stout, Rex	Too Many Women
Deming, Dorothy.....	Anne Snow, Mountain Nurse
Keyes, Frances Parkinson.....	Came a Cavalier
Gilbert, Anthony.....	Death in the Wrong Room
Gaddis, Peggy.....	Doctor Merry's Husband

Juvenile Books

Gogol, Nicolai	Taras Bulba
Sherman, Harold M.	Goal to Go
Sayre, Joel.....	Racketry Rax
Dixon, W. Franklin.....	While the Clock Ticked
Dixon, W. Franklin.....	Footprints Under the Window
Powell	Mystery of the Inca Gold
Bunce	Dragon Prowls Westward
Belpre	Perez and Martina
Henry, Marguerite.....	Australia (Pictured Geography)
Henry, Marguerite	Virgin Islands (Pictured Geography)
Henry, Marguerite	New Zealand (Pictured Geography)
Henry, Marguerite	The Bahamas (Pictured Geography)
Henry, Marguerite	Hawaii (Pictured Geography)
Blanton, Jose	The Three Miracles
Forbes, Esther	America's Paul Revere
Petersham, Maud and Mischa	Story Book of Foods from the Fields
	American Boy Adventure Stories
Miller, Herves.....	Outlaws and Funny Fellows
Garst, Shannon.....	Cowboy Boots
 Bianco, Marjory.....	Winterbound
Wood.....	Belinda Blue
Gemmill.....	Joan Wanted a Kitty
Bishop & Wiese.....	The Ferryman
Evans	Skookum
Lothrop.....	The Farmyard Book
Lothrop.....	An Animal Tour
Lothrop.....	Seven Ravens
Lothrop.....	What Goes with That
Lothrop.....	The Number Book
Dellafield.....	Mrs. Mallard's Ducklings
Fraser.....	Nursery Rhymes
Mellen.....	Twenty Little Fishes
Alden.....	Once There Was a King
Lee, Tina.....	What to Do Now
Flory.....	The Cow in the Kitchen
Cothren.....	This Is the Moon
Henry, Marguerite	Bermuda (Pictured Geography)
Henry, Marguerite	British Honduras
Wiese.....	Buddy, the Bear
De Angeli, Marguerite.....	Bright April
Raymond.....	Unhappy Rabbit
Briggs, Barbara.....	Tobias

Credle	.....	Johnny and His Mule
Hubbard	.....	Golden Flute
Newell	.....	Steppin & Family
Lathrope	.....	Black River Captive
Berry	.....	Tinmaker Man of New Amsterdam
Sperry	.....	Little Eagle
Sayers, Frances	.....	Tag-Along Tooloo
Girvan, Helen	.....	Blue Treasure
Knox, Esther	.....	Miss Jinny Deane
Meader	.....	Jonathan Goes West
Seaman	.....	Bitsy Finds the Clue
Wilson, Dixie	.....	Mystery of Scarlet Staircase
Koehler	.....	When Grandma Was a Little Girl
Hoke, Helen	.....	Rag's Day and Mrs. Silk
Paull, Grace	.....	Pancakes for Breakfast
Creekmore, Raymond	.....	Lokoshi
Jacobs, Joseph	.....	English Fairy Tales
Gray, Janet	.....	Fair Adventure
Wadsworth	.....	Mystery of Pirate's Point
Girvan, Helen	.....	Light in the Mill
Horowitz, Caroline	.....	Young Boy's Treasury of Things-to-Do
Woodward	.....	Let's Have a Party
Urmston, Mary	.....	Forty Faces
Enright, Elizabeth	.....	Thimble Summer
de Leeuw, Adele	.....	Future for Sale
Lang, Andrew	.....	Strawberry Roan
Wilder, Laura Ingalls	.....	Little House in the Big Wood
Dolbier, Maurice	.....	The Magic Shop
Kjelgaard, Jim	.....	Forest Patrol
Pease	.....	Secret Cargo
Wadsworth, L. A.	.....	Canyon of Whispers
Haines	.....	Triple Threat
Skidmore, Hubert	.....	River Rising
Mallette, Gertrude	.....	No Vacancies
Buck, Pearl	.....	Chinese Children Next Door
Wallace, Francis	.....	O'Reilly of Notre Dame
Haines	.....	The Southpaw
Mansfield	.....	Keeper of the Wolves
Allen	.....	Red Heritage
Hooker	.....	Star, Story of an Indian Pony
White, Stewart	.....	Daniel Boone, Wilderness Scout
Emerson	.....	Mr. Nip and Mr. Tuck in the Air
Kummer, Frederick A.	.....	Courage Over the Andes
Morrow, Honore	.....	Ship's Parrot
Fulton	.....	Moccasin Trail

Lenski, Lois	Blue Ridge Billy
Heal	Downy Duck
Horowitz, Caroline	Girl's Treasury of Things-to-Do
Jardin, Luis	Armadillo and the Monkey
Paull, Grace	Raspberry Patch
de Brunhoff, Jean	The Story of Barbar
McCloskey, Robert	Lentil
Bannerman, Laura	Little Black Sambo
Lenski, Lois	The Little Fire Engine
Mallon	Happy Gingerbread Boy
Van Stockum, Hilda	Kersti and Saint Nicholas
Johnson	The Leaky Whale
Horowitz, Caroline	Little Girl's Treasury of Things-o-Do
Gag, Wanda	Nothing at All
Hutchinson, Veronica	Circus Comes to Town
Gilbert	Mr. Plum and the Little Green Tree
DuBois, William	The Three Policemen
Dawson	Nuggets of Singing Creek
Gramatky, Hadie	Little Toot
Lensky, Lois	Strawberry Girl
Bennett	Mystery of the Missing Wallet
Kipling, Rudyard	The Butterfly That Stamped
Kipling, Rudyard	The Cat That Walked by Himself
Clough, Glenn	The Monkey with a Notion
Bailey, Carolyn	Miss Hickory
MacDonald & Weisgard	The Little Island
Tousey, Sanford	Jack Finds Gold
Wellman, M. W.	The Sleuth Patrol
Frazier, Neta Lohnes	By-Line Dennie
Sacket, Rose M.	Penny Lavender
Peck, Anne Merriman	The Story of Christina
Henry, Marguerite	Misty of Chincoteague
Hubbard	Captain Juniper
Rietvelt, Jane	Nicky's Bugle
Farley	Son of the Black Stallion
De Angeli, Marguerite	Jared's Island
Rey, H. A.	Curious George Takes a Job
Streatfield, Noel	Stranger in Primrose Lane
Kissin, Rita	Gramp's Desert Chick
Dennis, Wesley	Flip and the Cows
Inchfawn, Fay	Who Goes to the Wood
Steiner, Charlotte	Polka Dot
Wells, Rhea	Coco, the Goat
Waldeck, Jo Besse	Little Lost Monkey
Field, Rachel	Birds Began to Sing

Black, Irma S.	Kip, a Young Rooster
Garrett, Helen	Angelo, the Naughty One
Gramatky, Hardie	Hercules
Chan, Chia-Yi & Plato	Good Luck Horse
Robinson & Weiss	Mr. Red Squirrel
Bailey, Carolyn Sherwin	Country-Stop
Dr. Seuss	And to Think That I Saw It on Mulberry Street
Purdy, Claire Lee	He Heard America Sing (Stephen Foster)
Meadowcroft, E. L.	Benjamin Franklin
Gramatky, Hardie	Loopy
Waldeck, T. J.	Jamba, the Elephant
Eastman, Charles A.	Indian Boyhood
Cormack, Maribelle	Wind of the Vikings
Eberle, Irmengarde	The Visiting Jimpsons
Peet, Creighton	How Things Work
Cox, Palmer	The Brownies, Their Book
Stolper, Joel	Whiskers
Barlow, Ruth C.	Fun at Happy Acres
Leaf, Munro	Wee Gillis
Adshead, Gladys	Casco
Keeler, Katherine S.	Children's Zoo
Hahn, Emily	China A to Z
Sterling, Helen	Horse That Takes the Milk Around
Stafford, Kay	Ling Tang and the Lucky Cricket
Ardizzone, Edward	Little Tim and the Brave Sea Captain
Van Stockum, Hilda	Pegeen
Burgess, Thornton	The Dear Old Briar Patch

SCHOOL DIRECTOR 1947-1948

School Committee

Name	Term Expires
Lionel R. Trudeau, Chairman	1949
David L. Tuttle	1949
Abbey E. Fagan	1948
Bertrand R. Boiteau	1950
Eugene F. Garneau, Secretary	1950

Superintendent of Schools

Percy L. Rowe, Ed. M. Office: Bellingham Center School. The Superintendent may be seen at any time by appointment.
Telephone: Milford 152-4.

List of Teachers

Name	Where Educated	HIGH SCHOOL	Degree of	Subjects	Began
Edward F. Collins, Principal	Northeastern University	B. B. A.	Psychology; Speech	1941	
Harold J. Granger	Worcester Technical	B. S.	Mathematics; Science	1938	
James J. Keough	Providence College	A. B.	Business Administration	1936	
M. Louise Ballou	Emmanuel College	A. B.	English	1944	
Lottie Wanagel	Colby College	A. B.	Latin, French	1945	
Yvette A. Ledoux	R. I. College of Education	B. S. E.	Social Science	1946	
Lucille M. DuBois	Hill College	B. A.	Commercial	1947	
Francis J. Flynn	St. Anselm's College	A. B.	Mathematics; Science	1947	
Eleanor Bailey	Regis	B. S.	Home Economics	1947	
Dorothy E. Goguen	Calvin Coolidge College	A. B.	Geography	1947	
Mary R. Addante (resigned)	Fitchburg S. T. College	B. S. E.	Mathematics; Science	1944	
Stasia R. Kaczor (resigned)	R. I. State College	B. S.	Home Economics; Geography	1945	
Joan Silverson (resigned)	Emmanuel College	A. B.	Commercial	1944	

SOUTH BELLINGHAM SCHOOL

Name	Where Educated	Degree	Subjects	Began
Anthony Minichiello, Principal	Holy Cross	A. B.	Grade 5-6	1945
Elizabeth Sullivan	Worcester S. T. College	B. S. E.	Grade 5	1942
Mildred Trafton	Gorham Normal School	2	Grade 4	1929
Gertrude Worrall	Hyannis S. T. College	Summer	Grade 2	1945
Margaret Haine	Perry Kindergarten Nor.	3	Grade 1	1944
Rosalie T. Lavalle	R. I. College of Ed.	B. S. E.	Grade 3	1947
Theodore Finnerty, Pr. (Res.)	Boston College	M. A.	Grade 6	1943
Agnes Fottler (Resigned)	Perry Kindergarten Normal	3	Grade 3	1944

CENTER SCHOOL

Anthony J. Damplo, Principal	Boston University	M. A.	Grade 3-4	1947
Marie Lally	Bridgewater S. T. College	2	Grade 3-4	1945
Eleanor Smith	Hyannis S. T. College	2	Grade 1-2	1945

NORTH SCHOOL

Clary Macy, Principal	Summer Sessions, Hyannis	18 wks.	Grade 3-4	1913
Laura Clancy	Framingham S. T. College	2	Grade 5-6	1945
Isabella Murphy	Regis College	A. B.	Grade 1-2	1936

SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

Harold L. Shenker, M. D.	Medway, Mass.
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SCHOOL NURSES

Helen C. Grady, R. N., Supervisor Milford District Nursing
Grace Moran, R. N., Assistant Milford District Nursing

Telephone: Milford 862

ATTENDANCE OFFICERS

The janitor of each building and the superintendent of schools.

TRANSPORTATION AGENTS

Johnson Bus Lines, Inc. High School, Scott Hill, Rakeville, North and Center Route

JANITORS

Henry Lemire	High School	South Bellingham
Samuel DeRagon	South School	South Bellingham
Carlton Gaskill	Center School	Bellingham Center
William McMahon	North School	North Bellingham

**CALENDAR FOR THE PERIOD
FROM JANUARY, 1948, TO JUNE, 1949
HIGH SCHOOL**

Open January 5, 1948	Close February 20, 1948
Open March 1, 1948	Close April 16, 1948
Open April 26, 1948	Close June 25, 1948
Graduation June 24, 1948	Commencement June 25, 1948
Open September 8, 1948	Close December 23, 1948
Open January 3, 1949	Close February 18, 1949
Open February 28, 1949	Close April 14, 1949
Open April 25, 1949	Close June 23, 1949

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Open January 5, 1948	Close February 20, 1948
Open March 1, 1948	Close April 16, 1948
Open April 26, 1948	Close June 17, 1948
Open September 8, 1948	Close December 23, 1948
Open January 3, 1949	Close February 18, 1949
Open February 28, 1949	Close April 14, 1949
Open April 25, 1949	Close June 16, 1949

HOLIDAYS

Memorial Day	May 31, 1948
Columbus Day	October 12, 1948
Armistice Day	November 11, 1948
Thanksgiving Recess	November 25-26, 1948

AGE OF ADMISSION TO SCHOOL

Any child who becomes six years of age on or before January 1st of the year following the term when he wishes to enter school may be admitted into the first grade, but in every case the admission of a child under six shall be dependent upon the fitness of the child to profit by the work of the school, such fitness to be determined by the Superintendent. Pupils under seven years of age who have not previously attended school shall not be permitted to enter later than thirty days after the opening of school in September.

NO SCHOOL SIGNAL

The no-school signal will be broadcast at exactly 7:00, 7:15 and 7:30 over WWON in Woonsocket. Also during the 7:15, 7:30, and 7:45

broadcast over WNAC, WBZ, and WEAN. If there is no school in the morning, there shall be none in the afternoon.

In the event that schools do not close on any particularly bad day (rain, snow, cold, or other severe weather) parents are requested to use their own judgment in regard to sending their children to school.

FINANCIAL REPORT

For the Year Ending December 31, 1947

General Appropriation	\$65,000.00
Transfer	1,825.28
	—————
Total expenditures	\$66,825.28
	—————
Unexpended balance	66,768.93
	—————
	56.35

REIMBURSEMENTS

General School Fund, Part I	\$5,088.20
General School Fund, Part II	6,197.30
Superintendent's Salary—Transportation	1,161.92
State Wards: Tuition-Transportation	2,353.27
State Wards: Tuition-Transportation	38.22
Training School: State Wards	84.57
Vocational Education	109.10
Transportation School Pupils	3,865.00
	—————
	\$18,897.58

TAXATION COST OF SCHOOLS

Total Expenditures	66,768.93
Total Reimbursements	18,897.58
Net cost by taxation	47,871.35

EXPENDITURES

School Committee expense	122.78
Superintendent's salary	2,286.68
Superintendent's expense	307.71
Office telephone	52.92
Supervisors' salaries—music	551.28
Supervisors' salaries—handwriting	270.00

Teachers' salaries	40,916.30
Textbooks	592.98
School supplies	760.53
Janitors' wages	6,309.00
Fuel	2,567.60
Janitors' supplies	391.42
Water	134.62
Electricity	610.37
Telephone—high school	84.46
Gas	16.83
Repairs of buildings	1,383.88
New Equipment	708.07
Health service	1,037.64
Transportation	6,500.00
Insurance	1,091.11
Advertising	72.75
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Total	\$66,768.93

AGE AND GRADE—OCTOBER 1, 1947

Grade	Sex	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	Total
I	M	1	8	15	4											28
	F	5	11	3												19
II	M	9	12	5												26
	F	9	12	1												22
III	M	4	16	4	3											27
	F	8	12	3	1											24
IV	M	10	13	7	3											34
	F	7	12	6												25
V	M	5	14	8	5	2										36
	F	6	9	8	4	1										28
VI	M	6	12	5	8	2										35
	F	11	13	3	3	1										31
VII	M	8	14	6	2											30
	F	9	8	3	1											21
VIII	M			1	9	5	3	1								19
	F				6	11	4	1	1							23
Total	M	1	8	24	20	31	22	30	31	25	11	6	1			235
	F	5	20	23	20	21	27	30	21	17	7	1	1			193

Grand Total

418

HIGH SCHOOL—AGE AND GRADE ENROLLMENT
October 1, 1947

Grade	Sex	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	Total	Grand Total
Freshmen	M	4	7	10	1	—	—	—	22	41
	F	2	9	5	3	—	—	—	19	31
Sophomores	M	1	3	8	2	1	—	—	15	31
	F	—	2	13	1	—	—	—	16	23
Juniors	M	—	—	3	3	3	—	—	9	23
	F	—	1	2	10	1	—	—	14	27
Seniors	M	—	—	—	4	6	2	2	13	27
	F	—	—	—	1	9	3	—	62	122
Grand Total		5	10	21	10	10	2	2	60	

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the School Committee of Bellingham:

Gentlemen:

It is with pleasure that I submit to you for your consideration my fifth annual report as superintendent of schools of Bellingham.

The total enrolment in all schools is slightly larger than last year. As of October 1, 1947, there was a total of 540 pupils in attendance. On October 1, 1946, the membership was 532. It is very likely that the enrollment for the next few years will show a gradual increase. In anticipating future enrollment many factors have to be taken into consideration such as families moving into town, families moving out of town, the birth rate and the amount of retardation. Considering the factor of birth rate alone, it would definitely appear that during the next five years, there will substantially be more pupils attending our public schools. The following table shows the number of births in Bellingham over a 10-year period:

1937.....	54
1938.....	43
1939.....	52
1940.....	48
1941.....	50
1942.....	69
1943.....	64
1944.....	57
1945.....	57
1946.....	67

In the five-year period from 1937 through 1941 inclusive there were 247 children born. In the five-year period from 1942 through 1946 inclusive there were 314 births. This latter number will be entering our various first grades in the coming five years. So again considering the factor of birth rate alone, it would appear that the difference between these numbers, or 67, would be the amount of expansion expected. The present seating capacity of our school plants will easily take care of anticipated increase in enrollment.

During the year of 1947 five teachers resigned, namely: Miss Stasia Kaczor, Miss Mary Addante, Miss Joan Silverson, of the High School faculty, and Mr. Theodore Finnerty, Principal, and Miss Agnes

Fottler of the South School faculty. Miss Lucille DuBois was engaged to replace Miss Joan Silverson in the Commercial Department at the high school. Mr. Francis Flynn was engaged to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Miss Addante, and Miss Eleanor Bailey was elected to take the place of Miss Kaczor in the Home Economics Department. Owing to the size of the Seventh Grade, it was necessary to provide an additional teacher. Miss Dorothy Goguen was appointed to this position the first of December. These changes occurred at the High School. Mr. Anthony Minichiello was transferred from the Center School as principal to the South School as principal to replace Mr. Finnerty. Miss Rosalie Lavallee was elected to the position at the South School left vacant by the resignation of Miss Fottler. Mr. Anthony Minichiello's principalship at the Center School was filled by Mr. Anthony J. Damplo. Mr. Edgar B. Beal was appointed Music Supervisor and began his duties the first of February. He continued his work until after the opening of school in September. He resigned because of transportation difficulties involved in commuting from his home in Wakefield to Bellingham.

The actual everyday classroom instruction in our schools has continued on a high level. Particular attention has been placed on reading in the primary grades. A good basic foundation in reading in these lower grades insures greater success and accomplishment in the upper grades and high school. Keeping our teachers for two, three, or more years, enables them to better understand the abilities, attitudes, and skills of the pupils. Better teaching and learning results. An excellent new course of study, prepared under the direction of the State Department of Education, was put into use in September for use in the primary grades. It is pleasing to note that many of our teachers are taking professional courses late afternoons, evenings and Saturdays. This in-service training is of direct benefit to our school system as more modern, progressive, and scientific teaching methods and procedures are a natural result.

The present enrollment of 66 pupils in grade six which will be next September's grade seven, indicates that this class cannot be sent to the High School building next fall. The building is unduly crowded this year owing to the large class of 51 pupils in the seventh grade. No definite arrangements have been made to date but undoubtedly the grade school buildings will have to be used for the seventh grade next year. This will also mean the necessity of adding one more teacher to the teaching staff.

Like everything else, the cost of education has increased tremen-

dously during the last few years. Teachers have had to be paid much larger salaries to meet the rising cost of living. The cost of all school supplies, services, equipment, and repairs is nearly double the cost of five or six years ago. In order to obtain and retain good teachers still further salary increases will have to be given. At last year's session of the General Court bills were introduced that would give a much larger reimbursement to cities and towns for educational purposes. None of these bills were passed. Again in 1948 bills will be introduced in the legislature for this purpose. It is to be hoped that some action will be taken to help the cities and towns of Massachusetts pay for the mounting cost of education. Further state aid is absolutely essential for the development of future intelligent citizens.

The most important item of repair work done this year was the installation of a new classroom ceiling in the North School. Some repair work was also done on the windows in this school which were in very poor condition. Eight windows on the north side of the two coldest rooms at the South School were weatherstripped. Late in December a new ceiling was installed in the first and second grade room at the Center School and also one in the first and second grade room at the North School. With these exceptions no other improvements have been made except heating, plumbing, electrical, or other work which was absolutely necessary.

Among the needs to be considered for the coming year are the following: the High School roof must have attention. The outside walls should be weather-proofed in some way to prevent seepage of water in bad storms through the walls. The auditorium and most classrooms need refinishing. Classrooms at the North and Center Schools need painting, also the outside wooden trimmings. A new heating system must be put into operation at the South School. It would be well to plan for improving the South School playground area. Some kind of a hard top surface such as tarvia could be used, doing a portion of the play area each year until it is completed. We do not face in the immediate future, as many towns do, the necessity of any school building construction. It would seem advisable to keep all of our present school plants in the best possible condition, and make them attractive both inside and out.

On the closing day of the past legislative session the General Court passed a new law having to do with state reimbursement on account of transportation of school children. Approximately 200 towns will benefit under this law. Bellingham's share for 1947 figured out to be \$3865.

In conclusion may I express to you my sincere appreciation for your very able help and assistance in making the school year a very successful one. I also wish to express my appreciation for the splendid co-operation of the principals, teachers, school doctor and nurse, pupils, parents, and townspeople.

Respectfully submitted,

PERCY L. ROWE,

Superintendent of Schools.

REPORT OF THE HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

Mr. Percy L. Rowe,
Superintendent of Schools,
Bellingham, Mass.

Dear Mr. Rowe:

I herewith submit my sixth annual report as Principal of Bellingham High School.

The enrollment for the year as of October 1, 1947, was 215. The summary shows that there were 27 Seniors, 23 Juniors, 31 Sophomores, 41 Freshmen, 42 Grade VIII and 51 Grade VII.

The entire seventh and eighth grades of the town are now housed in the high school building. Instruction in these grammar grades is given by members of the high school faculty.

The program of studies can be found as a separate item in the school report.

Mr. A. Russell Mack, state supervisor of secondary education, has again approved our high school in Class A for the current school year. This means that accredited colleges will not require entrance examinations in any subject in which our students have received a certifying grade. The passing grade at our school is 70%, and the certifying grade is 80%. Mr. Mack was very complimentary of Bellingham High School on its Audio-Visual education equipment (sound motion picture machine and sound recording and broadcasting equipment), on the excellent condition of the building, and on a very fine and capable faculty.

The requirements for our honor rolls are as follows: Honors 85 per cent or over in each subject; High honors, 95 per cent or over in each subject. Obviously, we are very proud of any student who can keep his name on either honor roll as it indicates he is doing a very creditable piece of work in meeting these standards.

We realize the difficulties you encountered in trying to procure a music supervisor, and we are grateful to have had one for the second semester. However, because of his late arrival it was impossible for us to produce our annual student musical. At the present time I have a student play in production entitled, "The Mad Hatters." This is a full-length three-act comedy which will be staged in our auditorium in February or March. I am producing this play for the senior class fund.

Graduation exercises were held on Thursday, June 19, 1947. We graduated a class of 27 members. A program of the graduating exercises can be found in another part of the school report. Our present plans call for the graduation exercises to take place Thursday, June 24, 1948.

Our annual magazine drive was conducted in the Fall and was very successful because of the untiring efforts of most of the students and the excellent co-operation and generosity of the townspeople. The net receipts from this drive goes into the student activities fund to defray expenses of extra-curricula activities not allowed in the school budget.

The senior year-book, the "Epilogue," will be published again this year by the class of 1948 under the supervision of the class advisor, Mr. Harold Granger. This book will commemorate the tenth anniversary of our high school—1938-1948. As usual, we ask for our advertising staff, a kind reception from the professional and business men of the vicinity and from the alumni, and we wish to sincerely thank them for their generosity and co-operation in the past.

Mr. James J. Keough is Director of our Physical Education program. He is assisted by Miss Yvette A. Ledoux who is instructor of Physical Education for girls. During the good weather our program operates very efficiently as we are able to utilize the baseball field and the auditorium at the same time. However, when the weather forces us to stay indoors we are greatly handicapped as our indoor facilities are inadequate to handle the enrollment of 215.

Miss M. Louise Ballou is our Dean of Girls. She does a very excellent job of handling the many problems of our girls.

The following clubs are sponsored by the teachers:

Sewing Club	Miss Bailey
Camera Club	Miss Wanagel
Biology Club	Mr. Flynn
Etiquette Club	Miss Goguen
Radio Club	Mr. Collins, Director
a) Sound Effects	Mr. Granger
b) Script Writing	Miss Ballou

Our baseball team, coached by Mr. Gregory Greene, local sports editor, won the Tri-County League championship. This was the first championship ever won by a Bellingham High School athletic team. The Athletic Association gave a sports banquet in the Fall and awarded champion jackets to all members of the winning baseball team.

Mike Bonollo, local resident and former Woonsocket High School basketball player, was appointed basketball coach in late October. At the close of the year his team had won two and lost two. It appeared as though he might enjoy a fairly successful season with a practically "green" team.

The Athletic Account is no longer handled by the high school. The Town Accountant notified us to the effect that the Division of Accounts for the state has deemed our athletic program a town project in view of the \$1000 appropriation last March. Consequently, all net game receipts, contributions, etc., to the Athletic Association has to be turned over to the Town Treasurer.

To the people of the Town of Bellingham, the Parent-Teacher Association, the Grange, and the American Legion, we wish to express our thanks for the very fine support given the school during the past year.

In conclusion, I wish to express to you, Mr. Rowe, our appreciation for your co-operative supervision and very helpful hints and ask you to convey to the members of the School Committee our sincere thanks for their help in making this a very successful year.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD F. COLLINS

Principal of Bellingham High School.

BELLINGHAM HIGH SCHOOL

Bellingham, Mass.

Program of Studies—1947-1948

GRADE IX		GRADE X	
Required	Credits	Required	Credits
College Course	General Course	Commercial Course	General Course
Required	Credits	Required	Credits
English I	5	English I	5
General Science	5	General Science	5
Civics	5	Civics	5
Latin I	5	Jr. Bus. Tr.	5
Algebra I	5	Bus. Math.	5
Elective		Elective	
Ancient History	5	Ancient History	5
Required		Required	
English II	5	English II	5
Plane Geometry	5	Type. I	2½
French I	5	Economic Geog.	5
European History	5	Elective	
Elective		French I	5
Latin II	5	Biology	5
Biology	5	Eur. History	5
Required		Required	
English II	5	Elective	
Man. Art	2½		
Home Ec.	5		
Biology	5		
Eur. History	5		
French I	5		
Plane Geometry	5		

GRADE XI

English III	5	English III	5
U. S. History	5	U. S. History	5
Algebra II	5	Type. II	2½
*Physics	5	Short. I	5
Elective	5	Book. I	5
French II	5	Elective	2½
Latin III	5	French II	5

GRADE XII

English IV	5	English IV	5
*Physics	5	Stenog. II	5
Psychology	5	Type. III	2½
Elective	5	Book. II	5
French III	5	Economics	2½
Math III-IV	5	Comm. Law	2½
Democracy	5	Elective	5
		French III	5
		Psychology	5

*One year of Algebra is a prerequisite for Physics.

[†]One year of Typewriting is a prerequisite for shorthand.

No more than 1 ½ credits gained from the pursuit of extra-curricular activities will be allowed toward graduation in any one year.

NINTH
 COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES
 OF
 BELLINGHAM HIGH SCHOOL
 CLASS OF 1947
 HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM
 THURSDAY, JUNE 19, 1947
 8:00 P. M.

SENIOR CLASS OFFICERS

David L. Tuttle	President
Claire F. Foley	Vice-President
Jeannette M. DuBois	Secretary
Pauline M. Rossetti	Treasurer

CLASS MOTTO

"The Past Forever Gone—The Future's Still Our Own"

CLASS COLORS

Blue and Gold

CLASS ADVISORS

Mr. Harold J. Granger

PROGRAM

Processional	Class of 1947
Invocation	Rev. Boyer Wild
Salutatory	Marilyn N. Cowen
Viennese Refrain	Glee Club
Awarding of Prizes	Mr. Eugene F. Garneau School Committee Member
Special Legion Award	Mr. Levi Smith American Legion Officer
Beautiful Heaven	Glee Club
Address to Graduates	Dr. Gilbert W. Wieting
April Showers	Glee Club
Presentation of Diplomas	Mr. Eugene F. Garneau

Valedictory	Michael G. Berardi
Class Song	Class of 1947
Benediction	Rev. Charles Moison
National Anthem	Assembly
Recessional	Class of 1947

CLASS OF 1947

Albert Joseph Benoit	Frances Elizabeth Kinnear
Michael George Berardi	Lucien Joseph Leclaire
Eileen Barbara Buckley	Thomas Edward Nicholson
Marilyn Nancy Cowen	Walter Francis Nadolny
Gerard Lucien Daigle	Nicholas Petrosky
Charles Edward Delaney	Edward Joseph Richard
Therese Anne Marie Drapeau	Pauline Margaret Rossetti
Jeannette Marie Dubois	Charles Allen Sanford
Claire Frances Foley	Sophie Olga Shahtay
Mary Eunice Foley	Donald Raymond Thayer
June Hope Gaskill	David Lawrence Tuttle
Richard Alfred Genereux	Irene Catherine Wilde
James Joseph Janiszewski	Marie Evelyn Wilson
Roland Eugene Jodoin	

SCHOOL PHYSICIAN'S REPORT

December 18, 1947.

Mr. Percy L. Rowe

Supt. of Schools

Bellingham, Mass.

Dear Mr. Rowe:

The following is a report of the work done by me as School Physician to the School Department of Bellingham during the year.

The annual physical examinations of the school children showed the following defects:

Enlarged tonsils	132
Enlarged glands	12
Defective teeth	65
Heart murmurs	4
Skin condition	4

501 children were examined.

The general health of the children on the whole was good. It was pleasing to know that most of the defects reported last year to the parents were corrected.

I wish to thank you and the teachers for your co-operation during the year and also Miss Grace Moran, R. N., for her able assistance.

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD L. SHENKER, M. D.,

School Physician.

BELLINGHAM SCHOOL NURSE'S ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1947

To Mr. Percy L. Rowe,

Superintendent of Schools.

May I present to you the annual report of school nursing in Bellingham for the year ending in December, 1947.

Each school was visited at least once a week when school was in session. The nurse tried to keep a regular schedule when possible of Monday afternoon reporting to North School, Wednesday afternoon to Center School, Thursday morning to High School, and Thursday afternoon to South School.

In March and December the Norfolk County Health Association conducted a chest clinic for the High School senior class. All the class and five teachers that were X-rayed in March were found negative. The December report on the senior class has not yet been received.

A toxoid clinic was conducted in April and a vaccination clinic in June for pre-school children. This meant hours of preparatory work, and home visits to make both clinics successful. In January and February the mid-year weighing and measuring and the general inspection of pupils was in progress. In May and June the final weighing of the children, before the vacation period, was done with weight cards which were sent home to the parents.

Throughout the summer home visits were made to check on corrections of defects found by Dr. Shenker in his physical examination. Quite a number of these defects were corrected. At this time home

visits were made to the children who were entering school for the first time. In October and December the school nurse assisted Dr. Shenker with the annual physical examinations and these findings will be included in Dr. Shenker's report.

Home visits up to December 7, 1947	143
Pupils inspected for disease	209
Classroom inspection of pupils	20
Pupils given first aid treatment	74
Pupils excluded	33
Pupils advised	153
Health talks to classes	29
Cleanliness inspection of pupils	565
Talks with teachers regarding pupils	263
Ill pupils transported home	5
Home visits regarding pupils	128
Home visits to pupils entering school	72

Whooping cough, chicken pox, measles, and mumps were the diseases reported and investigated throughout the year. One case of poliomyelitis was reported.

Some of the money collected in Bellingham by the Salvation Army was used to pay for two pairs of glasses. Also a doctor's bill paid for a school child's visit.

In closing may I thank Mr. Rowe, the teachers, the School Committee and the parents for their co-operation and confidence.

Respectfully submitted,

GRACE MORAN

School Nurse.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS

The following report of the Street Department is submitted for the year ending December 31, 1947.

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

The general procedure was followed as in previous years on secondary roads, namely scraping in the spring and fall and graveling where needed.

Work Done Under Chapter 81

The following streets received surface treatments with asphalt or tar, either in whole or in part. Hartford, South Main, Cross, Center, Beech, Depot, Maple, Pulaski, Central Blvd., California, Stockholm, Pleasant, Ervin, Elbow, Paine, Winter, Blackman, Lake, Chestnut, Park, Mann and Harpin. Gravel was applied on Farm and Lake Streets, gravel patching on other streets.

Sections of Maple and Beech Streets were treated with mixed in place.

Work Done Under Chapter 90 Maintenance

All work done on the above chapter was mixed in place on South Main street.

Lake Street Special Appropriation

Approximately 3000 ft. of new construction was accomplished on this street.

Bridges and Railings

Under the above appropriations, we used about 80 gallons of paint on the railings. A new bridge consisting of both stringers and plank was built on High street. The bridge on Railroad street was repaired. This bridge will have to be rebuilt next year. On the condition of the railings, some are in a very bad condition. Those that were very bad were taken down and cement posts substituted, which we believe is a procedure that should be followed in the future, because once installed and barring accidents, they will last many years.

Signs and Guideboards

The signs and guideboards are in fair condition. Some new guideboards have been installed and others painted and repaired.

Snow Removal

At the time of the filing of this report, we have experienced ten snowstorms of considerable depth. We have tried to keep all roads opened, sometimes under difficult circumstances. I appreciate the patience of some of the people living in the outlying districts for their splendid co-operation.

Equipment

The two new Chevrolet trucks have done considerable work during the year with but little expense. They have stood up very well. The grader that was purchased 10 years ago now seems to be very expensive to operate, entailing a lot of repairs before using.

The roller is in good condition, and other equipment is in fair condition.

Recommendations

1. Appropriate the sum of \$2500 to start work on the elimination of Aldrich's Curve.
2. To appropriate a sum of money to continue work on Lake street.
3. Tar First Avenue in the Charles River Grove section as this street washes badly every year.

Conclusion

It has been a pleasure to work with your board and the state highway engineer, Mr. Henry Rowe. I wish to thank the men employed on the highway for their splendid work and the townspeople for their co-operation.

Respectfully submitted,

TIMOTHY E. FOLEY,

Superintendent of Streets.

BELLINGHAM WATER DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT**Ending December 31, 1947**

Amount of water pumped as indicated by flow meters at pump stations.

	PUMP NO. 1 Gallons	PUMP NO. 2 Gallons	TOTAL Gallons
January	2,089,000	2,057,500	4,146,500
February	1,717,000	1,704,000	3,421,000
March	4,219,000	490,000	4,709,000
April	5,279,000		5,279,000
May	6,138,000		6,138,000
June	7,097,000		7,097,000
July	7,687,000		7,687,000
August	8,947,000		8,947,000
September	6,552,000	1,600,000	8,152,000
October	4,656,000	3,807,000	8,463,000
November	4,306,000	4,267,000	8,573,000
December	7,240,000	3,961,000	11,201,000
<hr/> Total	65,477,000	17,886,000	83,363,500

Average daily pumping minimum—122,100 in February.

Average daily pumping maximum—361,000 in December.

Average daily pressure on main at pump houses—95 to 110 pounds.

During the month of August all hydrants were checked, and a complete report was made to water commissioners. Winterization of same was taken care of this fall.

Number of hydrants in town—219.

Minimum pressure observed on So. Main street at standpipe	40 pounds
Maximum pressure observed on Freeman street	115 pounds
Pearl Street, near Packard Mills	102 pounds
Crooks Corner, So. Bellingham, average hydrant pressure ..	110 pounds
Bellingham Center, average hydrant pressure	55 pounds
North Bellingham average hydrant pressure	95 pounds
Curb shutoff boxes repaired or renewed	11
Minor repairs on house side of curb shutoff	35
Uncharted main gates located	9
Uncharted curb boxes located	4
Domestic services completed (started in 1946)	4

Hydrant gate valve and boxes repaired	9
Hydrants repaired or renewed	14
Breaks on mains or connections to main	6
Number of new domestic water services connected to system.....	46
Number of new industrial water services connected to system.....	2

Other work appertaining to this department such as pump house routine, complaints, closing and opening services, clerical work and other incidentals were taken care of in as much as time would permit.

Respectfully submitted,

ROMEO A. CARRIER,
Superintendent of Water Department.

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 1947

Cash on hand January 1, 1947	\$30,873.45
Receipts 1947	377,449.91

	\$408,323.36
Expenditures, 1947	373,880.39

Balance January 1, 1948	\$34,442.97

WALTER D. RICHARD,
Town Treasurer.

REPORT OF BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE**Bureau of Aid to Dependent Children**

The Bureau aided a total of nine cases involving 17 children during 1947. The Board wishes to state that the increased costs of living and medical care are reflected in the increased cost per case. The increased cost of living is apparent to all. The total cost of Aid to Dependent Children can be broken down as follows:

Total payrolls	\$5,024.02
Less Federal grants (estimated)	1,578.79
	\$3,445.23
Less estimated state reimbursements	1,674.64
	\$1,770.59

This net cost of \$1,770.59 means that the Bellingham taxpayers are spending but 35.4 per cent of the total costs of the department and are receiving the remaining 64.6 per cent from the Federal and State Governments.

Bureau of Old Age Assistance

The Bellingham Bureau aided a total of 105 cases during the year. The board wishes to express that in sharply increased costs of living and medical care are the two major factors in the increased costs of this department during the year. The following is a breakdown of the costs of operating the department:

Total payrolls for cases in the town	\$60,495.34
Less Federal grants (estimated)	26,848.43

	\$33,646.91
Less State reimbursements (estimated)	24,632.32

	\$9,014.59
Less sums due from other towns	414.93

Net cost of cases on payrolls to Bellingham taxpayers	8,599.66
Add costs of salaries and supplies	1,699.30

	\$10,298.96
Less administrative reimbursements (estimated) ...	679.72

	9,619.24
Add total paid other towns for Bellingham settled cases over which board has no control	1,001.32

Net costs of department	\$10,620.56

Thus it may be seen that the Bellingham taxpayers are paying just \$8,599.66 out of a total payroll of \$60,495.34, or just 14.2 per cent of total cost. The taxpayers are only paying \$9,619.24 of total cost of \$62,192.82 for cases under direct control of Bellingham Bureau of Old Age Assistance or just 15.2 per cent of total cost.

It is well to remember that the Bellingham Board of Public Welfare is supervised very closely by the State and Federal Governments. The Massachusetts Department of Public Welfare sets up the standards of eligibility for both Old Age and Aid Dependent Children. The state department also sets up budgets which the towns and cities are obliged to follow in determining the grants to be paid each individual case. Thus it can be very easily seen that the Bellingham Board of Public Welfare has very little to do with the amounts paid under Old Age Assistance and Aid Dependent Children.

Report of the Bellingham Board of Public Welfare

The Welfare Department aided a total of 29 cases involving 59 persons. The increased cost of living and much higher hospital and

medical bills were the main reason for increased expenditures for the department. A breakdown of the expenditures for the department are as follows:

Cost of cases living within the town and under control of board	13,683.11
Less state reimbursements	7,433.46
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	\$6,249.65
Less sums due from other towns and cities	954.44
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Net cost of cases within town	\$5,295.21
Add administration—salaries and supplies	1,088.11
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	\$6,383.32
Less administrative expense refund (estimated)	372.64
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Costs of cases and administration	\$6,010.68
Add sum paid for state infirmary case	547.50
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	\$6,558.18
Add sums paid other towns and cities	978.15
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Net cost of total expenditures of department	\$7,536.33

Thus it may be seen that the Welfare Board spent the sum of \$16,296.87 on all welfare purposes, to the state and to other cities and towns. It may also be seen that only the sum of \$13,683.11 was paid for relief cases within the town. Of this sum the Bellingham taxpayers will pay net only \$5,295.21, or only 38.7 per cent of the total cost. It may also be seen that for relief under control of the local board and for total administration the net cost is but \$6,010.68 or 43.9 per cent. Of the total cost of the department the net cost to the town is \$7,536.33 or 46.2 per cent of the total cost.

Thus it can be readily seen that the costs of the three Welfare Departments are not anywhere near as expensive to the taxpayers of Bellingham as claimed.

Old Age Assistance, net cost	\$10,620.56
Aid Dependent Children, net cost.....	1,770.59
Welfare net cost	7,536.33
Total net cost of all three	\$19,927.48

ROY E. ADAMS

Chairman Board of Welfare.

RAYMOND MOWRY

Member Board of Welfare.

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF VETERANS' SERVICES

For the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1947

To the Board of Selectmen of Bellingham:

Gentlemen:

I herewith submit my first annual report as a director of Veterans' Services in the Town of Bellingham.

The year of 1947 has presented a number of different problems to the Veterans' Department. It is with pride that I am able to report that the problems have been taken care of to the satisfaction of the veterans involved. At no time was a needy or deserving veteran turned away. Every effort was made to help him.

The following is a summary and list of the forms used by this department in the year of 1947:

Massachusetts State Bonus	25
Appeal for Disallowed Bonus	10
Affidavits in Support of Claims	15
Educational Benefits Under Public Law 346	30
Terminal Leave	45
Pension	8
Outpatient Treatment	2
Application of Veteran Benefits	18
Certified Copies of Discharges	12

There have been 35 discharges recorded in 1947. This means that there are still a number of discharges not recorded. I urge every veteran who has not had his discharge recorded to do so at once. Every veteran owes it to himself and his family to protect his discharge in this manner.

Financial Report For the Fiscal Year Ending December, 1947

Original appropriation	\$4,450.00
Supplementary appropriation	900.00
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	\$5,350.00

EXPENDITURES

1. Administrative Expenses:

Director's salary	440.00
Travel	83.00
Supplies	28.51

2. Honor Roll Expenses:

Repairs and upkeep	100.00
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3. Veterans' Benefits:

Cash	3,182.02
Groceries	414.27
Fuel	82.35
Doctors	355.00
Clothing	9.18
Hospitals	299.00
Rent	91.00
Medical	16.23
Moving	57.68

\$5,158.24

Unexpended balance	\$191.76
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The average cost per case will undoubtedly be higher in 1948, and therefore the cost of operating the department will necessarily be higher. It must be kept in mind that the Veterans' Department will have to grow in the coming years. At this time there are 1500 or more people in Bellingham eligible to receive aid under veterans' benefits. With the co-operation of the people of Bellingham, I feel sure that the Veterans' Department will serve the veterans as well in the future as it has in the past.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES MICHALOWSKI,
Veterans' Director.

November 24, 1947.

Board of Selectmen,

Bellingham,
Massachusetts.

Gentlemen:

This is to inform you that I am resigning as Veterans' Agent in the Town of Bellingham—this resignation to take effect December 31, 1947.

I wish to take this opportunity to express my thanks to the Board of Selectmen for the confidence they placed in me when you appointed me to this office. I also wish to thank the Board of Selectmen, the Town Clerk, Mr. Gosselin, and the Town Accountant, Mr. Taylor, for the co-operation which you all have given me in all matters.

During the time I served as Veterans' Agent, I tried to the best of my ability to serve faithfully not only the veterans of Bellingham, but also the non-veteran taxpayers.

I also wish to state at this time that whoever succeeds me in this office will receive from me all the aid and co-operation that he may need until such time as he feels that he may carry on the duties of Veterans' Agent without further aid.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES MICHALOWSKI.

REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS AND MILK

To the Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

During the past year I have checked the ear tag numbers of 408 cows which arrived in the Town of Bellingham from out of state, and have registered them with the Division of Livestock Disease Control in Boston, Mass.

In a recent survey of 25 farms in Bellingham, I have found conditions concerning farm animals, cow barns and milk handling up to standard.

Respectfully submitted,

ARNOLD W. WADE,

Inspector of Animals and Milk Inspector.

REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR OF SLAUGHTERING

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

I hereby submit my report as Inspector of Slaughtering for the Town of Bellingham for the year ending December, 1947.

I have inspected all slaughtered animals that I have been requested to and have stamped the meat of said slaughtered animals as is required by the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

All animals which are to be slaughtered and offered for sale as human food, or any part of which is to be offered for sale, must be inspected at the scene of slaughtering, and the meat properly stamped by the Inspector of Slaughtering.

Domestic animals slaughtered for home consumption need not be inspected and stamped.

During the year two slaughtering licenses have been issued.

I have been requested to inspect and stamp 42 cows, 13 pigs and 14 calves during the year ending December 31, 1947.

I am of the opinion that those who have slaughtered animals in the town for local sale have been careful to comply with the laws covering the inspection and stamping. I wish to thank the Board of Selectmen for their cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

EMILE GAREAU,

Inspector of Slaughtering.

REPORT OF THE WATER COMMISSIONERS

The Water Commissioners organized on March 17, 1947. Mr. Timothy A. Riordan was elected chairman, Mr. Norbert J. Martel was named collector for the Water Department, Mr. Romeo A. Carrier was named superintendent of the water system, and Mr. Arthur J. Martel was appointed clerk of the Water Department.

A new pump was installed in No. 2 pumping station. The Wrentham street project has been extended as far as funds were available. The Water Department installed many new services during 1947 and as soon as weather permits many requested services will be installed.

The Water Commissioners wish at this time to express their appreciation to the Board of Selectmen, and other town officials, and to the townspeople for their help and consideration during the year of 1947.

TIMOTHY A. RIORDAN
RODOLPHE BEAUREGARD

Bellingham Water Commissioners:

I hereby submit my report for the collection of water accounts during the period of January 1, 1947, to December 31, 1947.

DEBIT

Balance 1946	\$2,572.97
Warrants for January 1947	3,573.17

Warrants for April 1947	3,393.98
Warrants for July 1947	3,353.97
Warrants for October, 1947	3,755.73
Service charges 1947	193.45

	\$16,843.27

CREDIT

Balance 1947	\$3,126.08
Paid treasurer	13,444.18
Abatements	230.79
Auditor's adjustment	42.22

	\$16,843.27
Meter warrants	\$140.00
Paid treasurer	70.00
Abatement	10.00
Balance	60.00

	\$140.00

NORBERT J. MARTEL,
Collector.

REPORT OF THE SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I hereby submit my report as sealer of weights and measures for the year ending Dec. 31, 1947.

All places of business in the Town of Bellingham were visited by me after notification by public notice as the law requires, and also peddlers as to licenses.

Sealers measures, etc., sealed and adjusted:

Platform over 10,000 lbs. sealed and adjusted	1
Platform, 5000 to 10,000 lbs. sealed and adjusted	1
Spring under 100 lbs.	10
Computing under 100 lbs.	9

Liquid 1 gallon and under	1
Meters 1 inch inlet	31
Quantity measures on pumps	2

Respectfully submitted,

HARVEY DEBIGARE,

Sealer of Weights and Measures.

REPORT OF THE COLLECTOR OF TAXES

January 1, 1947, to December 31, 1947

Collected—Taxes	\$136,829.65
Collected—Interest	626.27
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Total	\$137,455.92

The above amount being divided as follows:

Poll Tax

YEAR 1946

Surplus to be refunded	\$ 2.00
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YEAR 1947

Committed 1947	2,278.00
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Paid treasurer	1,538.04
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Abated	2,282.00
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Refunded	4.00
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Demand and interest paid treasurer	16.62
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Outstanding January 1, 1948	None
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Motor Vehicle

YEAR 1946

Outstanding January 1, 1947	439.53
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Paid treasurer	394.66
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Abated	44.87
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Interest paid treasurer	1.53
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Outstanding January 1, 1948	None
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YEAR 1947

Committed 1947		9,505.21
Paid treasurer	8,400.94	
Abated	283.08	8,684.02
		821.19
Refunded		154.17
Outstanding January 1, 1948		975.36
Interest paid treasurer	3.67	

Personal Property Taxes

YEAR 1945

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1947		\$359.76
Paid treasurer	259.07	
Abated	105.04	364.11
		4.35
Surplus to be refunded		
Interest paid treasurer	17.33	
Outstanding January 1, 1948		None

YEAR 1946

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1947		2,695.54
Paid treasurer	1,336.91	
Abated	1.77	1,338.68
		1,356.86
Outstanding Jan. 1, 1948		
Interest paid treasurer	25.21	

YEAR 1947

Committed Jan. 1, 1947		13,900.85
Paid treasurer	9,807.93	
Abated	265.75	10,073.68
		3,827.17
Outstanding Jan. 1, 1948		
Interest paid treasurer	5.72	

Real Estate Taxes

YEAR 1944

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1947	\$	143.76
Paid treasurer	74.40	
Abated	69.39	143.76
		None
Outstanding Jan. 1, 1948		
Interest paid treasurer	7.72	

YEAR 1945

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1947	5,585.07
Paid treasurer	4,668.78
Abated	866.58
Tax Title Account	68.53

Surplus to be refunded	18.78
Outstanding Jan. 1, 1948	None
Interest paid treasurer	259.96

YEAR 1946

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1947	19,324.27
Paid treasurer	12,677.93
Abated	10.01
Tax title Account	86.81

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1948	6,549.52
Interest paid treasurer	265.37

YEAR 1947

Committed 1947	125,417.77
Paid treasurer	97,670.99
Abated	1,081.38
Tax title account	477.28

Refunded	26,188.12
	284.95

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1948	25,903.17
Interest paid treasurer	23.14

Respectfully submitted,

ALICE V. BOURRE,

Tax Collector.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

The Town of Bellingham, in its 29th year, is prospering.

The active interest in the town affairs by its people is a great asset.

Well located in the Blackstone Valley, Bellingham adjoins Woonsocket. This city is a large diverse manufacturing center. Bellingham's financial well being is tied up with that of Woonsocket, at present. As Woonsocket prospers, so does our town.

Bellingham is also near Boston, Worcester and Providence. The further growth of any of these cities, in these days of better transportation, will aid our people and commerce.

Our community is enjoying a building boom. Good locations, low land values, with the advantages usually found only in larger communities, is the reason. The new citizens are taking an active part in our community life.

Important gains in valuations and future employment were made in 1947. The mill at Box Pond continues to enlarge. The erection of an airport in North Bellingham has started. A permit for a midget auto race track at the Four Corners has been granted. A new mill has started operations on Governor Avenue, while the factory at the state line is being improved.

The problem facing our taxpayers now is the increased cost of government. Like everything else this cost has risen sharply. Other towns and cities in the state have the same trouble. Expenses are up, revenue the same. The state legislature, which has the power to levy new taxes, up to the present, has failed to do so. This leaves the town having to pass the burden of the increased cost onto the real estate tax payers. The town budget is being very closely gone over, and all uneconomical items eliminated. The town, after the annual financial town meeting, will pass the problem to the Assessors. The Assessors will then have to increase valuations to meet the deficit, or increase the tax rate, or increase both valuations and tax rate.

Chief Wasyl Kornicki of the fire department completed his seventeenth year of service for the people. His record and achievements are outstanding. The highway department functioned ably under the direction of Timothy E. Foley. The town received full value for money

expended despite rising costs. The three buildings, Town Hall, North Community, and South Community, were improved this year. It is hoped that further improvements may be made in 1948.

William W. Fairbanks, town official, removed from town during the year to be nearer his work. An outstanding citizen, Bellingham disliked to see Moderator "Bill" go.

New faces were welcomed into the official family during the year. Joseph I. Taylor was appointed Town Accountant. Charles Michalowski was named Veterans' Administrator. When he resigned to continue his education, Leo A. Gariepy was named in his stead. Windsor D. Bates was made clerk of the selectmen.

Receipts: The receipts from licenses and other sources issued and granted by the Board of Selectmen in 1947 reached a total of \$3,557.50 (three thousand five hundred fifty seven dollars and fifty cents).

The Selectmen wish to thank the townspeople and town officials for their co-operation during the past year.

Selectmen of Bellingham.

EDGAR WADE, Chairman,
HENRY FORGET
TIMOTHY A. RIORDAN

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

To the Citizens and Moderator of Bellingham:

Your committee again calls attention to the fact that insufficient time is being allowed to consider all articles in the Town Warrant as carefully as they wish to. Also some departments have delayed filing their budget estimates until the last possible moment, thereby greatly increasing the committee's burden. Some cause for delay can be attributed directly to inadequate record keeping by several departments. This could be corrected, we believe, by consulting with either the Director of Accounts, Town Accountant, or if need be some outside firm of specialists in that line.

The excellent co-operation of the Treasurer and the Accountant is hereby acknowledged. Both have been frequently called upon to

furnish detailed tabulations and reports to the Committee. Compliance was always prompt and complete. The cost of the state audit in 1948 will show a noticeable reduction as compared to previous years.

The end of the year finds your Town without reserves of any kind which could possibly be used to reduce a very substantial increase in the tax rate definitely indicated by 1947 costs. The lack of any available funds must be attributed to the following:

1. Failure of department heads to request full year's funds at the annual town meeting. It must be borne in mind by all that the March appropriations should cover the annual cost retroactive to January 1.

2. Reluctance of the meeting to vote adequate funds, perhaps chiefly caused by misunderstanding of the above retroactive principle.

Voters are asked to bear in mind that public services instituted at their own behest must be granted adequate funds if continuance is desired.

The responsibility likewise devolves upon each department to forecast its needs with sufficient accuracy to allow full twelve month operation without recourse to special transfers except in case of unforeseeable emergency. The duty of each department head to remain within an adequate appropriation should be obvious, but must be stressed nevertheless.

If the policy outlined above coupled with rigid economy could be maintained for the next few years, reserves of the town would accumulate to the benefit of all. The present situation is the result of prolonged disregard of it.

Your attention now is called to the Town's charity expenditures which are rising at an alarming rate. In 1946 the combined total expenditure of the agencies, the Welfare Board and the Veterans' Benefits, represented 32.03 per cent of all money spent by the budgeted departments. In 1947 the figure is 34.29 per cent.

There is no evidence at hand which can substantiate any hope for reduction of this expense or the rate of increase. Should there be a

lengthy period of unemployment, the position of both the needy and the productive real estate owner and businessman of Bellingham would be grave indeed.

Respectfully submitted,

ANDOR DE JONY, Chairman
HERBERT HANNAH, Secretary
WILLIAM BUCKLEY
HERBERT HERTZ
ROBERT HUNTER
GORDON MacMASTER
CLIFFORD STEAD
HERBERT NUTTING.

CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS—TOWN OF BELLINGHAM

Paid Arthur E. Brown for Care in 1947

Name.	Deposited	Paid	1948 Available for
D. Adams	\$100.00	\$2.00	\$2.00
Z. Bullard	100.00	2.00	2.00
A. P. Eaton	50.00	1.00	1.00
B. Benedict	40.00	.80	.80
S. Holbrook	100.00	2.00	2.00
L. A. Cook	25.00	.50	.50
P. Bryant	100.00	2.00	2.00
M. Metcalf	100.00	2.00	2.00
P. Partridge	30.00	.60	.60
C. Norcross	50.00	1.00	1.00
J. and A. P. Drake	200.00	4.00	4.00
A. H. Holbrook	100.00	2.00	2.00
G. D. Rockwood	100.00	2.00	2.00
J. Drake and W. Howes	100.00	2.00	2.00
A. W. Wales	100.00	2.00	2.00
V. Coombs	50.00	1.00	1.00
E. Dewing	50.00	1.00	1.00
Jarvis Cook	50.00	1.00	1.00
Eldridge Grant	100.00	4.50	2.00
Joseph Rockwood	100.00	2.70	2.00
Joseph Adams	200.00		4.00

Paid to Eugene E. Rhodes

Name.	Deposited	Paid	1948
Charles Mason	\$200.00	\$10.00	\$15.09
Avery Cook	200.00	10.00	17.01
H. M. Cook	50.00	2.17	1.00
Nathan Cook	100.00	4.33	2.00
Hiram Crooks	100.00	2.00	4.44
Phoebe Sherman	100.00	2.00	4.76
C. W. Thayer	50.00	2.00	1.00
Willard Thayer	50.00	2.12	1.00
Marion A. White	50.00	2.00	1.26
Inez Bolton	50.00	2.00	1.20
Marcus Crooks	50.00	2.00	1.20

E. Barber	30.00	1.00	1.70
E. L. Cook	500.00	10.00	12.01
Charlot R. Wilcox	200.00	4.00	4.00
Edgar Scott	50.00	1.00	1.00

Paid to James Yates

Name.	Deposited	Paid	1948
Nathan Rockwood	\$50.00	\$1.00	\$1.00
Henry M. Rockwood	50.00	1.00	1.00
Eugene Webber	100.00	2.00	2.00
Sarah R. Drake	50.00	1.00	1.00
Eliab Holbrook	100.00	2.00	2.00
Edward H. and Walter Thayer	100.00	2.00	2.00
Lavina Taft	50.00	1.00	1.00
A. M. Clark	30.00	.60	.60
Amos Keach	500.00	1.00	1.00
Alonzo N. Whitney	100.00	2.00	2.00
Charles P. Hancock	40.00	2.00	.80
Lezzie A. Graves	100.00	5.00	13.79
Albert A. Hancock	100.00	2.00	2.00
Nathan Grant	60.00	1.20	1.20
Sullivan Bates	50.00	1.00	1.00
Thompson Thayer	25.00	5.00	8.82
Joseph Burr	100.00	2.00	2.00
George W. Blake	100.00	2.00	2.00
Irving Rhodes	70.00	1.40	1.40
Oliver W. Gardner	25.00	.50	.50
Sabra J. Clark	50.00	1.00	1.00
Alvin Clark	100.00	1.00	2.00
William Thompson and Charles Cook	50.00	1.00	1.00
Addison Burr	50.00	1.00	1.00
Orlando Clark	250.00	5.00	5.00
Eli Pond	25.00	.50	.50
Daniel Pickering	25.00	.50	.50
Samuel Darling	50.00	1.00	1.00
Emma Chilson	100.00	2.00	2.00
Manning Thayer	100.00		2.00
Frank E. Osborne	200.00		4.00
E. D. Meader	200.00		4.00
Willie Cook	125.00		2.50
C. L. Cushman, F. A. Smith and J. H. Eames	125.00	2.50	2.50
Adam Joslin and Richard Briggs	50.00	1.00	1.00
Ellis Lindskog	50.00	1.00	1.00

Charles F. Farrington	75.00	1.50	1.50
Olive Cushman	50.00	1.00	1.00
Calvin N. Rockwood	100.00	2.00	2.00
Benjamin E. Marble	50.00	1.00	1.00
Edwin Mignault	50.00	1.00	1.00
Martin Rockwood	50.00	1.00	1.00
Ira Fisk	50.00	1.00	1.00
Fred Sherburn	50.00	1.00	1.00
Warren Lazell	37.50	.75	.75
George Nelson	25.00	1.50	.50
Henry Young, Charles & George Thayer	100.00	2.00	2.00
Albert G. Burr	40.00	.80	.80
Horatio Thayer	100.00	2.00	2.00
William O. Rhodes	40.00	.80	.80
Aron Farrington	25.00	.50	.50
Milton Holbrook	50.00	1.00	1.00
Henry Whitney	75.00	1.50	1.50
James A. Richardson	50.00	1.00	1.00
Adelbert Spalding	25.00	.50	.50
Mrs. Joseph Fisk	50.00	1.00	1.00
Dexter Whitney	75.00	5.00	3.46
Edwin Darling	50.00	1.00	1.00
George Sherburn	75.00	1.50	1.50
Dianna D. Spooner	75.00	1.50	1.50
Caleb Adams	75.00	1.50	1.50
Joseph Gross	50.00	1.00	1.00
David G. Jones	100.00	2.00	2.00
George A. Ellis	200.00	2.00	4.00
William S. Clark	100.00	2.50	2.00

The following amounts are deposited in Savings Bank in Special Accounts, the interest being added to the original amount on deposit, but is not available for use until accumulative date is reached.

Stephen A. Coombs	\$25.00	
		To accumulate until 1952
Jessie Coombs	25.00	
		To accumulate until 1952
Oak Hill Cemetery	500.00	
		To accumulate until 1977

The records and bank books of the Cemetery Trust Funds are available for inspection any time at the Town Treasurer's office.

Respectfully submitted,

WALTER D. RICHARD,
Town Treasurer.

TOWN ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT

To the Citizens of Bellingham:

The report of the Accounting Department of Bellingham is hereby submitted. The following is a statement of Appropriations, Receipts and Expenditures as well as a Trial Balance as of December 31, 1947, showing balances carried forward to 1948.

It is recommended that all departments consult by-laws before making expenditures.

Also that all bills be turned in to the Accounting Department weekly. It has been customary for some departments to hold bills for lengthy periods before approving them for payment. This is a poor practice and hinders merchants from receiving payments due them. This also was the cause of some bills being included in the Unpaid Bills for 1947.

Those departments who make charges to individuals, cities, or towns are obliged by law to forward copies of bills to the Accounting Department and should do so promptly so they can be recorded on the town books.

Attention is called to the By-Law which states that all money received shall be paid to the treasurer weekly.

As co-operation between the Accounting Department and all Town Departments is necessary for the smooth recording and paying of obligations, I express my thanks to the Selectmen, Finance Committee and all other departments that fully co-operated.

JOSEPH I. TAYLOR,

Town Accountant.

Cash Receipts for the Year 1947**Taxes**

1944 Real estate	74.40
1945 Personal	259.07
1945 Real estate	4,668.78
1946 Poll	4.00
1946 Personal	1,336.91
1946 Real estate	12,677.93
1947 Poll	1,538.00
1947 Personal	9,807.93
1947 Real estate	97,670.99
 Total taxes	 \$128,038.01

Water Income

Water income (meter reading and services)	13,454.18
Water meter deposits	60.00
 Total water income	 \$13,514.18

Holdings Accounts

Withholding tax	5,760.96
Dog licenses due county	787.00
 Total withholdings	 \$6,547.96

Motor Vehicle Excise Revenue

M. V. excise revenue	\$8,795.60
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Interest

Interest	727.73
Demands	15.75
 Total interest	 \$743.48

Loans

Temporary loans	75,000.00
Highway loans	12,425.00
 Total loans	 \$87,425.00

Highway Reimbursements

Highway—Chapter 588	4,163.73
Highway—Chapter 90	999.56
Highway—Chapter 81 (1946)	4,255.84
Highway—Chapter 81 (1947)	8,908.12
Scott's Curve	1,024.74
Machinery revenue	1,342.00
 Total highway	 \$20,693.99

Tax Title Redemptions

Tax title redemptions	942.09
Tax title possessions (town property sold)	885.00
 Total sales and redemptions	 \$1,827.09

Licenses

Pasteurization	10.00
Sunday licenses	26.00
Common victualers	20.00
Confectioners	9.00
Slaughtering	11.00
Used Cars Class No. 2	5.00
Used Car Parts	7.00
Amusement	56.00
Gasoline permits	1.00
Peddlers	8.00
Club—All liquor	1,200.00
Restaurant—All liquor	900.00
Restaurant—Wine and beer	600.00
Seasonal—All liquor	200.00
Package Stores—All liquor	150.00
Package Stores—Wine and beer	200.00
 Total licenses	 \$3,403.00

School Reimbursements

Mass. School Fund	11,285.50
Vocational	109.10
Mass. school training	84.57

Children tuition	2,391.49
School transportation	3,865.00
School superintendent	1,161.92
Total school reimbursements	\$18,897.58

State Incomes

Income tax	10,051.83
Corporation business tax	10,705.27
Total state income	\$20,757.10

Charities

Support of indigent persons	920.35
Temporary aid (state)	5,125.67
Welfare (towns)	74.57
Old Age Assistance, U. S.	26,449.00
Old Age Assistance (State)	23,784.33
Old Age Assistance Admin. U. S.	1,049.48
Old Age Assistance (Towns)	568.09
Meal Tax—Old Age Assistance	1,778.52
Aid to Dependent Children U. S.	1,460.66
Aid to Dependent Children (State)	1,424.61
Aid to Dependent Children Admin. U. S.	73.12
Veterans aid	382.50
Total charities	\$63,090.90

Miscellaneous Receipts

Sealer of weights	25.00
Court fines	242.90
Dog license refund (county)	525.28
Cemetery Trust Fund reimbursements	186.77
Perpetual care bequests	825.00
Health subsidy	110.71
Fire expenditure return	200.00
Fire damage	5.00
Fire refunds	110.87
Sale of pump	75.00
Municipal field revenue	54.00
School athletic revenue	9.25
School refund	40.00

Telephone refunds	27.85
Public welfare refunds	53.70
Water refund	1.50
Old Age Assistance refunds	172.35
Veterans refund	87.50
Old Age Assistance recovery	50.00
Old Age Assistance transportation refund	8.00
Highway refund	15.00
Salary adjustment	20.00
Insurance dividend	10.50
Departmental refund	445.66
Damage to persons and property	25.50
Auditors adjustment	152.77
Snow removal fund	47.12
Street lighting refund	88.32
Town Hall rental	77.00
Selectmen refund	3.75
Town Hall refund	.72
Police refund	16.00
Certificate refund—Town clerk	3.00
 Total miscellaneous receipts	 \$3,716.02
 TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR 1947	 \$377,449.91

Expenditures for the Year 1947

Moderator	
Appropriation	40.00
Expenditures	35.00
Finance Committee	
Appropriation	25.00
Expenditures	
Dues	10.00
Clerical	15.00
	\$25.00
Selectmen	
Appropriation	775.00
Refund	3.75
	778.75

Expenditures

Selectmen's salary	350.00
Clerk's salary	166.50
Telephone	58.59
Printing	17.00
Advertising	16.00
Dues	12.00
Stamps and supplies	30.54
Posting warrants	14.00
Locks for files	7.50
Moving equipment	5.00
Traveling expense	77.00
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	\$754.13

Accountant

Appropriation	600.00
Expenditures	
Salary	500.00
Telephone	38.26
Stamps and supplies	48.76
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	\$587.02

Treasurer

Appropriation	950.00
Transfer	300.00
Salary-adjustment	20.00
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	\$1,270.00
Expenditures	
Salary	695.00
Dues	2.00
Telephone tolls	38.37
Bond	100.50
Stamps and supplies	213.19
Typewriter repairs	17.26
Advertising	41.42
Transportation	126.09
Maps	5.89
Deeds	4.75
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	\$1,244.47

Tax Collector

Appropriation	1,650.00
Expenditures	
Salary	1,000.00
Clerical	20.10
Telephone	43.35
Stamps and supplies	244.72
Bond	196.12
Printing	95.25
Traveling expense	24.81
Registry of Deeds	14.15
Recording fees	3.50
Deputy fees	8.00

	\$1,650.00

Assessors

Appropriation	2,665.00
Expenditures	
Salaries	1,736.00
Traveling expenses	155.00
Assessors' meeting—Boston	50.00
Clerical	225.00
Telephones	77.69
Stamps and supplies	232.89
Dues	6.00
Registry of Deeds	148.22

	\$2,630.80

Certifying Notes

Appropriation	20.00
Expenditures	
	12.00
	12.00

Legal

Appropriation	400.00
Expenditures	
	400.00
	400.00

Town Clerk

Appropriation	750.00
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Expenditures

Salary	500.00
Fees—Oaths to town officials	18.75
Fees—Death and marriage returns	107.50
Fees—Burial permits	20.00
Bond	7.50
Postage and supplies	26.48
Telephone	55.80
Printing	10.50
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	\$746.53

Elections and Registrations

Appropriation	500.00
Transfer	100.00
	600.00

Expenditures

Election expense	353.65
Clerical	10.00
Printing	154.50
Listing poll registration	75.00
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	\$593.15

Town Hall

Appropriation	
Maintenance	2,900.00
Refunds	.72
Repairs	1,200.00
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	4,100.72

Expenditures

Janitor's salary	1,300.00
Supplies	42.88
Telephone	208.75
Fuel	815.99
Electric	193.14
Water	29.01
Insurance	74.75
Gas	22.65
Electrical Repairs	72.99

Emergency Lights	135.00
Building repairs	923.58
Moving chairs	6.00
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	\$3,824.74

North Community Building

Appropriation	
Maintenance	950.00
Repairs (1946)	1,288.00
Repairs (1947)	3,000.00
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	\$5,238.00
Expenditures	
Janitor's salary	260.00
Water	15.00
Emergency lights	45.00
Maintenance repairs and expense	380.78
Electric	3.35
Supplies	13.43
Fuel	44.50
Building improvements	3,940.49
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	\$4,702.55

South Community Building

Appropriation	1,100.00
Expenditures	
Janitor's salary	383.00
Cleaning	27.80
Water	16.29
Emergency lights	120.20
Insurance	60.00
Fuel	359.58
Electricity	20.28
Supplies	14.29
Repairs	39.00
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	\$1,040.44

Police

Appropriation	4,100.00
Refund	16.00
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	4,116.00

Expenditures

Chief's salary	2,340.00
Special officers	265.27
Radio	255.45
Dues	12.00
Signs	1.10
Telephones	236.50
Printing	13.50
Postage and supplies	173.67
Police apparel	78.30
Car insurance	126.79
Car repairs and expense	394.16
Gasoline	122.86
Oil	13.50
Tires	41.54
Car rental	10.00
Towing	6.00
Car tax	3.62
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	\$4,094.26

Fires**Appropriation**

2,725.00

Expenditures

Chief's salary	500.00
Call men	652.00
South Station caretaker	251.25
Telephones	84.01
Supplies	234.59
Insurance	105.00
Electricity	36.20
Tires	63.02
Gas and oil	84.54
Repairs	240.27
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	\$2,250.88

Forest Fires**Appropriation**

1,700.00

Expenditures

Chief's salary	300.00
Call men	884.15
Dues	5.00
Bulldozer hire	15.00

Telephone	5.64
Electricity	9.92
Insurance	105.00
South station caretaker	22.50
Supplies	139.64
Gas and oil	52.82
Repairs	124.70
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	\$1,664.37

Sealer of Weights

Appropriation	100.00
Expenditures:	
Salary	81.96
Traveling expense	4.00
Supplies	14.04
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	\$100.00

Tree

Appropriation	200.00
Expenditures	
	200.00
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	200.00

Moth

Appropriation	100.00
Expenditures	
	99.26
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	99.26

Health

Appropriation	2,400.00
Expenditures	
Hospital	261.00
Nursing	950.00
Doctors	125.00
Medical supplies	6.55
Health inspectors	297.50
Traveling expense	6.50
Printing	10.50
Dump—Caretaker	210.00
Dump—Labor, bulldozer, gravel, signs	307.80
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	\$2,174.86

Norfolk County Hospital

Appropriation	1,265.00
Expenditure	1,256.92
	\$1,256.92

Highway—Chapter 81

Appropriation	6,125.00
State	11,025.00
Adjustment	1.00
	17,151.00
Expenditures	
Labor	10,193.05
Sand and gravel	850.45
Asphalt	3,752.46
Patch	494.11
Posts and pipes	157.58
Bricks	86.60
Supplies	25.94
Equipment hire	616.00
	\$16,176.19

Highway—Chapter 90

Appropriation	700.00
State and county	1,400.00
	2,100.00
Expenditures	
Labor	937.65
Sand and gravel	327.74
Tarmac	833.78
	\$2,099.17

Highway Special

Appropriation	1,000.00
Refund	15.00
	1,015.00
Expenditures	
Labor	858.70
Supplies	86.49

Telephone	37.22
Sand and gravel	28.80
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	\$1,011.21

Highway—Machinery

Appropriation	1,500.00
Transfer	1,200.00
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	2,700.00
Expenditures	
Insurance	283.42
Supplies	598.32
Equipment	350.00
Repairs	1,104.93
Gas and oil	320.39
Tires	32.50
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	\$2,689.56

Bridges and Railings

Appropriation	650.00
Expenditures	
Labor	282.00
Supplies	83.57
Lumber	151.58
Paint	98.35
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	\$615.50

Snow Removal

Appropriation	4,500.00
Adjustment	6.00
Refund	47.12
Transfer	2,274.81
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	\$6,827.93
Expenditures	
Labor	3,611.97
Truck hire	2,290.14
Gas and oil	54.16
Repairs	412.25
Sand	310.72

Supplies	119.65
Telephone	16.19
Meals	12.00
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	\$6,827.08

Street Lighting

Appropriation	3,300.00
Transfer	200.00
Refund	88.32
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	\$3,588.32
Expenditures	3,554.84
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	\$3,554.84

Signs and Guideposts

Appropriation	100.00
Expenditures	
Labor	15.20
Sign Repairs	34.07
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	\$49.27

Scott Curve Repairs

Appropriation (1946)	959.84
State and County	1,024.74
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	\$1,984.58
Expenditures	
Contractor	1,692.17
Supplies	182.25
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	\$1,874.42

Lake Street Improvements

Appropriation	3,000.00
Expenditures	
Labor	538.60
Supplies	172.26
Equipment hire	2,221.62
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	\$2,932.48

New Highway Trucks

Appropriation (1946)	4,500.00
Expenditure	4,500.00
	\$4,500.00

Public Welfare

Appropriation	9,000.00
Transfers	7,050.00
Adjustment	1.00
Refunds	53.70
	16,104.70

Expenditures

Board salaries	175.00
Clerk's salary	780.00
Supplies and postage	10.85
Telephones	166.27
Dues	8.00
Cash payment	4,421.40
Out of town payments	1,017.15
State Public Welfare Department	547.50
Groceries	4,123.96
Fuel	461.91
Hospitals	2,009.00
Doctors	440.00
Medical—Prescriptions	301.40
Rent	858.50
Nursing	45.50
Clothing	115.96
Shoes	84.49
Ambulance and taxi service	104.00
Funerals	270.00
Moving expense	84.22
Eye glasses	25.00
Oil burner repairs	24.70
Electric bills	25.76

\$16,100.57

Aid to Dependent Children

Appropriation	2,500.00
Transfer	500.00

U. S. (1946 balance)	781.43
U. S. (1947)	1,460.66
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	5,242.09
Expenditures	
Cash payments	5,024.02
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Old Age Assistance	\$5,024.02
Appropriation	35,200.00
Transfer	1,800.00
Refunds	164.35
U. S. (1946 balance)	1,729.81
U. S. (1947)	26,449.00
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	65,343.16
Expenditures	
Cash payments	60,625.99
Other cities and towns	1,001.32
Clerk's salary	1,560.00
Office supplies	48.35
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	\$63,235.66
Old Age Assistance Administration	
U. S. Grant (1946 balance)	16.12
U. S. Grant (1947)	1,049.48
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	1,065.60
Expenditures	
Clerk's traveling expense	866.57
Supplies	89.13
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	\$955.70
Veterans Service	
Appropriation—Administration and	
Transfer and Honor Roll	650.00
Appropriation and transfer—Veterans'	
Benefits	4,700.00
Refunds Veterans' Benefits	87.50
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	\$5,437.50

Expenditures

Administration:

Honor Roll	100.00
Director's salary	440.00
Director's traveling expense	83.00
Subscription—Dues—Advertising—Supplies	26.72
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	\$649.72

Veterans Benefits

Cash payments	3,212.02
Groceries	414.27
Fuel	82.35
Doctors	355.00
Hospitals	356.50
Medical—Prescriptions	16.23
Rent	91.00
Moving expense	57.68
Clothing and misc.	10.97
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	\$4,596.02

Schools

Appropriation	65,000.00
Refund	40.00
Transfers	1,825.28
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	66,865.28

Expenditures

Superintendent's salary	2,286.68
Principals' salaries	8,765.00
Teachers' salaries	32,151.30
Supervisors' salaries	861.28
Janitors' salaries	6,256.00
Cleaning windows	21.00
Superintendent's expense	250.99
Superintendent's clerk	39.50
Snow shoveling	32.00
Postage	19.45
Telephones	137.38
Fuel	2,567.60
Electricity	610.37
Philgas	16.83
Water	134.62
Health	1,025.00

Insurance	1,091.11
Transportation	6,500.00
Advertising	72.75
Janitor's supplies	396.73
School supplies	607.26
Text books	592.98
Medical supplies	12.64
School repairs	1,381.82
Graduation expense	107.86
Cleaning uniforms	8.50
Athletic equipment	16.90
Music	14.53
Typewriters	534.32
Adding machine	90.75
Piano	83.00
School Committee expense	
Telephone calls	3.90
Traveling expense	62.88
Reimbursement—Salary paid substitute teachers	56.00
	122.78
	\$66,808.93

Vocational

Appropriation	500.00
Expenditures	
Tuition	94.36
	94.36

School Athletics

Appropriation	1,000.00
Expenditures	
Baseball coach	150.00
Transportation	145.83
Athletic equipment and supplies	684.44
Cleaning uniforms	19.55
	999.82

Municipal Athletic Field

Appropriation	1,000.00
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Expenditures

Labor	186.00
Lumber	151.50
Gasoline	6.78
Supplies	387.05
Repairs	16.60
Roller hire	56.40
Power lawn mower	125.00
Loam and gravel	59.75
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	\$989.08

Library**Appropriation**

Maintenance	1,062.00
Repairs (1946) balance	136.52
Repairs (1947)	150.00
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	\$1,348.52

Expenditures

Librarians' salaries	630.15
Insurance	47.47
Postage	7.00
Fuel	71.00
Electric heater	8.69
Electricity	13.00
Repairing electric clock	7.00
Transportation of books	23.00
Supplies	5.65
Books and magazines	247.26
Repairs	128.90
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	\$1,183.12

Interest

Appropriation	6,241.00
Expenditure	6,092.48
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	\$6,092.48

Maturing Debt

Appropriation	15,000.00
Expenditure	15,000.00
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	\$15,000.00

Damage to Persons and Property

Appropriation	250.00
Transfer	600.00
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	850.00
Expenditures	
Land damage	200.00
Doctors and Hospital	41.00
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	\$241.00

Memorial Day Committee

Appropriation	500.00
Expenditures	
Paint	60.75
Repairs	6.00
Buglers	10.00
Bands	95.00
Car hire	5.00
Committee expenses	30.00
Lunch and services	50.00
Flags	21.47
Bus hire	45.00
Flowers	131.78
Maintenance and care—Center Monument	45.00
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	\$500.00

Printing Town Reports

Appropriation	700.00
Expenditures	
Annual Report	520.00
Finance Committee Reports	45.85
Distributing Annual Reports	93.45
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	\$659.30

Unpaid Bills Prior Years

Appropriation	2,295.25
Expenditures	
Assessors	116.67
Water	495.92
Health	93.00

Snow removal	268.27
Fire	331.40
Machinery Acct.	266.68
Town Hall	3.90
Public Welfare	517.40
Street lighting	196.35

	\$2,289.59

Water

Appropriation	9,810.00
Transfers	5,050.00
Refund	1.50

	14,861.50

Expenditures

Superintendent's salary	2,080.00
Commissioners' salaries	101.25
Clerk's salary	250.00
Collector's salary	249.50
Traveling expense	324.00
Postage and supplies (office)	41.25
Telephones	220.22
Dues	10.00
Printing	65.73
Insurance	73.12
Labor	2,828.82
Sand and gravel	36.51
Repairs	149.89
New pump	1,150.00
Express	13.13
Supplies	3,102.30
Gas—Oil—Repairs truck	577.74
Medical	12.50
Janitor—North School	12.00
Electricity	3,322.56

\$14,620.52

Water Construction—Wrentham Street

Appropriation (1946 balance)	19,932.50
Expenditure	
Contractor	19,932.50

\$19,932.50

Water Construction—Carrier Avenue

Appropriation (1946 balance)	445.25
Expenditures	
Contractor	265.50
Supplies	48.60
Repairs	4.00
Advertising	3.36
Towing	5.00
Bulldozer	38.75
Labor	83.75

	\$410.21

Water Construction—Mann Street

Appropriation (1946 balance)	500.00
Expenditures	
Supplies	25.00
	\$25.00

Cemetery

Appropriation	750.00
Expenditures	
Committee salaries	600.00
Lawn mower—Center	28.00
Rubber wheels—Center	12.50
Loam—North	50.00
Supplies—Center	1.15
Supplies—Mower, etc.—South	45.01

	\$736.66

Non-Appropriation Accounts

Expenditures	
State audit	1,468.76
State parks	140.31
Dog licenses paid county	826.00
State tax	2,200.00
County tax	3,168.65
Warrant adjustments	45.60
Auditors adjustments	36.10
Withholding tax	5,582.35
Fire refund return	200.00
Cemetery perpetual care bequests	825.00

Cemetery trust fund payments	186.77
Motor vehicle excise refunds	152.78
Poll tax refunds	4.00
Real estate tax refunds	287.40
Tax title foreclosure expense	120.07
Tax possession refund	5.00
Tax title refund	61.15
Interest and cost refund	10.10
Loans in anticipation of revenue	50,000.00
Highway revenue loan	15,000.00
	80,320.04
Total expenditures	\$373,880.39

Notes and Loans

	Total	Loan Due 1948
High School Building, 2½ %, Feb. 1, 1948	\$27,000.00	\$3,000.00
Municipal Relief 1939, 2¾ %, Nov. 1, 1948	500.00	500.00
Municipal Relief 1941, 1½ %, Dec. 1, 1948	500.00	500.00
Water Bonds, W. P. A., 2¾ % Mar. 1, 1948	144,000.00	7,000.00
Water Bonds, P. W. A., 2½ %, Mar. 1, 1948	38,000.00	2,000.00
	\$210,000.00	\$13,000.00
Loan in Anticipation of Revenue Due Feb. 18, 1948		\$25,000.00
Loan in Anticipation of Highway Revenue Due Mar. 1, 1948		2,425.00

Unpaid Bills—Various Departments

Water Dept.	1945	20.95
	1946	524.58
		545.53
Highway Special	1945	38.70
	1946	35.09
		73.79
South Community Bldg.	1946	3.78
	1947	2.45
		6.23

Machinery Acct.	1946	115.37	
	1947	556.29	
			671.66
Fire Department	1947	4.05	4.05
Damage to persons and property	1947	15.45	15.45
Public Welfare	1947	395.17	395.17
Snow removal	1947	3,933.81	3,933.81
Police Dept.	1947	1,799.94	1,799.94
			\$7,445.63

Transfers Voted at Special Town Meetings

Date Art.	From	To	Amount
1947			
	Overlay surplus	Public Welfare	\$2,050.00
8-4	Overlay surplus	Water Pump	1,150.00
	Overlay surplus	Water current expenses	400.00
	Excess and deficiency	Damages—Persons & prop'ty	600.00
12-1 3	Estimated receipts \$4600	Public welfare	5,000.00
	Overlay surplus 400		
	Estimated receipts	Aid to Dependent Children	500.00
	Excess and deficiency	Old Age Assistance	1,800.00
	Estimated receipts	Veterans benefits	850.00
5	Machinery revenue acct.	Veterans Administration	50.00
6	Tax title foreclosure	Machinery account	1,200.00
7	Dog license fund \$525.28	Treasurer's Dept.	300.00
	Vocational train'g 400.00	School Dept.	1,825.28
	Estimated receipts 900.00		
	Main St. Ext. \$475.00	Water Dept.	3,500.00
	Carrier St. 35.04		
	Estimated rec'pts 2,989.96		
	Estimated receipts	Town Hall	400.00
	Estimated receipts	N. Bel'gham C'munity Bldg.	250.00
12-1 7	Machinery rev. \$544.00	Snow removal	1,300.00
	Snow removal exc's 20.51		
	Scotts Curve acct. 110.16		
	Estimated receipts 625.33		
	Estimated receipts	Election and registration	100.00
	Estimated receipts	Street lighting	200.00
	Estimated receipts	S. Bel'ngham C'munity Bldg.	200.00

TOWN OF BELLINGHAM TRIAL BALANCE DEC. 31, 1947

Cash	\$34,442.97
Poll tax 1946	2.00
Personal tax 1945	4.34
Real estate tax 1945	36.70
Personal tax 1946	1,356.85
Real estate tax 1946	6,623.32
Personal tax 1947	3,827.17
Real estate tax 1947	26,952.80
Motor vehicle excise tax 1946	973.67
Motor vehicle excise tax 1947	3.68
Motor vehicle excise revenue	969.99
Tax title	4,428.26
Tax title revenue	4,428.26
Tax title possessions	6,209.45
Tax title possession revenue	6,209.45
Water meter deposits	320.00
Water rates and charges acc. rec.	3,116.08
Water meter charges acc. rec.	80.00
Water revenue	3,196.08
Aid to Dependent Children (State) acct. rec. ..	584.26
Aid to Dependent Children acc. rec.	701.37
Old Age Assistance cities & town acc. rec.	2,097.90
Departmental revenue	3,383.53
Old Age Assistance recovery	1,006.48
Tailings	395.49
Withholding tax	1,453.66
Cemetery perpetual care income	37.22
Dog license due county	26.40
Overlay surplus	1,590.65
Overlay 1940	2.16
Overlay 1942	7.20
Overlay 1943	13.20
Overlay 1945	36.70
Overlay 1946	1,461.18
Overlay 1947	4,480.48
County tax 1947	659.58
State park and reservations	51.84
Tax titles foreclosure expenses	679.93
Excess and deficiency	35,890.27
Revenue loans	25,000.00
Net funded and financed debt	210,500.00
High school loan	27,000.00

Municipal relief 1939	500.00
Water bonds W. P. A.	38,000.00
Water Bonds P. W. A.	144,000.00
Municipal relief 1941	1,000.00
Trust fund cash and security	9,713.61
Cemetery perpetual care funds	9,713.61
Highway loans in anticipation of reimbursement	2,425.00
State aid to highway acc. rec.	2,116.88
County aid to highway acc. rec.	1,400.00
Town Hall repairs	275.98
North Community Bldg. repairs	347.51
Norfolk County Hospital	8.08
Lake St. improvements	67.52
Aid to Dependent Children U. S.	3.02
Old Age Assistance U. S.	215.20
Old Age Assistance U. S. Admin.	109.90
Aid to Dependent Children U. S. Admin.	73.12
Library repairs	157.62
Machinery revenue .....	.08
	\$315,183.85
	\$315,183.85

**REPORT OF AN AUDIT OF THE ACCOUNTS OF THE TOWN
OF BELLINGHAM FOR THE PERIOD FROM APRIL 26, 1946,
TO MARCH 14, 1947**

**Made in Accordance with the Provisions of
Chapter 44, General Laws**

June 11, 1947.

To the Board of Selectmen,
Mr. Edgar Wade, Chairman,
Bellingham, Massachusetts.

Gentlemen:

I submit herewith my report of an audit of the books and accounts of the town of Bellingham for the period from April 26, 1946, to March 14, 1947, made in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44, General Laws. This is in the form of a report made to me by Mr. Herman B. Dine, Assistant Director of Accounts.

Very truly yours,

FRANCIS X. LANG,
Director of Accounts.

Mr. Francis X. Lang,
Director of Accounts,
Department of Corporations and Taxation
State House, Boston.

Sir:

In accordance with your instructions, I have made an audit of the books and accounts of the town of Bellingham for the period from April 26, 1946, the date of the previous audit, to March 14, 1947, and submit the following report thereon:

The financial transactions, as recorded on the books of the several departments receiving or disbursing money for the town or committing

bills for collection, were examined and checked with the books of the town accountant and the treasurer.

The books and accounts in the town accountant's office were examined and checked in detail. The receipts as recorded were checked with the available departmental records and with the treasurer's books, while the payments as recorded were checked with the treasury warrants. The ledger accounts were analyzed and it was found that the ledger for 1946 was not in balance, it being necessary to check all postings in detail in order to locate the clerical errors. In addition, it was found necessary to add all treasury warrants, in which connection it was found that in the case of three warrants the aggregate amounts approved for payment were in excess of the amounts of the detailed vouchers as appearing on the warrants.

The appropriations and transfers, as listed from the town clerk's records of town meetings, were checked to the town accountant's ledger. The necessary adjustments resulting from the audit were made, a trial balance was taken off, and a balance sheet, showing the financial condition of the town on March 14, 1947, was prepared and is appended to this report.

It is recommended that a determined effort be made to carry on properly the accounting system as installed for the town, which system provides for automatic checks on the finances of the town and which is designed to furnish information to town officials and interested citizens concerning the financial condition of the town at all times.

It was noted that it has been the custom to charge the highway department payrolls for the first few months of each year to the snow removal appropriation, apparently due to the fact that no general highway maintenance appropriation is provided by the town. It is recommended that an appropriation be voted for general highway maintenance in order that funds may be available for highway expenditures which are not properly chargeable to the snow removal account.

In checking the expenditures against the several appropriations voted by the town, it was noted that although the town voted an appropriation in 1946 of \$600 for the town accountant, (it being understood that \$500 was for salary and \$100 for expenses) the actual expenditures aggregated \$1,045.66, of which amount the accountant received \$945 in salary and \$100.66 was paid for miscellaneous expenses. The over-draft of \$445.66, which is in violation of Section 31, Chapter 44, General

Laws, was covered up by the town accountant by making direct charges of \$170 to four other appropriation accounts and by arbitrarily transferring \$275.66 from six different appropriation accounts to the accountant's appropriation.

The impropriety and illegality of such transactions should be apparent.

In checking the paid vouchers on file, it was noted that there were a number of bills on which the town had failed to take advantage of the cash discount offered for prompt payment.

It was also noted that a number of paid bills and vouchers for personal services and expenses, notably in the old age assistance department, lacked sufficient detail. No bills or vouchers should be placed on a warrant for payment unless they are sufficiently itemized to allow the town accountant and the selectmen to determine the correctness of the charges.

In checking the town meeting votes it was noted that appropriations of \$300 in 1946 and \$1000 in 1947 were voted for school athletics. From the amount of the appropriation voted in 1947, it appears that it is the intent of the town to carry on school athletics as a town function, in which connection it is recommended that all receipts received from this enterprise be paid into the town treasury, as required by Section 53, Chapter 44, General Laws.

The books and accounts of the town treasurer were examined and checked in detail. The cash book was added, and the receipts as recorded were analyzed and compared with the records of the several departments collecting money for the town and with the other sources from which money was paid into the town treasury. The payments were checked with the warrants of the selectmen authorizing the disbursement of town funds and with the town accountant's records.

Considerable difficulty was experienced in reconciling the treasurer's cash balance due to the many errors and omissions in entering receipts and in recording payments and due to the failure of the treasurer to reconcile the bank statements or to add the cash book.

It was therefore necessary, in order to reconcile the bank balances with statements furnished by the banks of deposit, to add the cancelled checks and compare them with charges by the banks as shown

by the bank statements; to compare the cancelled checks with the amounts entered in the check register; to add and balance the check register; and to compare and verify the checks issued with the treasury warrants and with the vouchers when necessary.

The adjusted cash balance on March 14, 1947, was verified by reconciliation of the bank balances with statements furnished by the banks of deposit and by actual count of the cash in the office.

It is recommended that the treasurer reconcile his bank account at frequent intervals and show his reconciliation in the check register in the space provided.

The additional work which was required in order to balance the accountant's ledger and to reconcile the treasurer's cash added materially to the cost of the audit.

It is recommended that all checks drawn by the treasurer by either distributed by him to the payees or mailed by him to the payees whenever personal delivery is impracticable, since no person other than the town treasurer has the legal authority to make payments in behalf of the town.

The payments on account of debt and interest were proved with the amounts falling due and with the cancelled securities on file.

The savings bank books representing the investments of the cemetery trust funds in the custody of the town treasurer were examined and listed, the income being proved and the disbursements being verified.

The records of tax titles and tax possessions held by the town were examined and checked. The amounts transferred from the several tax levies to the tax title account were verified. The tax title redemptions and the tax possessions sold were checked with the receipts as recorded on the treasurer's cash book. The tax titles on hand were listed and compared with the records in the Registry of Deeds.

During the course of the audit, assistance was given to the new treasurer, and as of April 30, 1947, the treasurer's cash book and the check register was balanced, and the bank balances were reconciled with statements furnished by the banks of deposit.

The books and accounts of the tax collector were examined and checked in detail. The tax accounts outstanding at the time of the previous examination, and all subsequent commitment lists were audited and reconciled with the assessors' warrants. The payments to the treasurer were checked to the treasurer's cash book, the recorded abatements were compared with the assessors' records of abatements granted, the transfers to the tax title account were checked, and the outstanding accounts were listed and reconciled with the respective ledger accounts.

Verification of the outstanding tax accounts were made by mailing notices to a number of persons whose names appeared on the books as owing money to the town, the replies received thereto indicating that the accounts, as listed, are correct.

The town clerk's records of sporting and dog licenses issued were examined. The payments to the state were verified by comparison with the receipts on file, the payments to the town treasurer were compared with the treasurer's cash book, and the cash on hand was proved by actual count.

The commitments of water charges were examined and checked. The recorded payments to the treasurer were compared with the treasurer's cash book, the abatements were verified, and the outstanding accounts were listed and proved.

Verification of the outstanding water accounts was made by mailing notices to a number of persons whose names appeared on the books as owing money to the town, the replies received thereto indicating that the accounts as listed are substantially correct.

In the examination of the water accounts it was noted that there are a number of old outstanding accounts and it is recommended that a determined effort be made to enforce their collection. In checking the meter reading books into the commitment list of water charges, it was noted that numerous meters have not been read, only the minimum rate for water being charged. It is recommended that all meters be read each quarter so that the charges to consumers will represent the actual consumption of water.

In addition to the departments and accounts mentioned the book and accounts of all other departments collecting money for the town

or committing bills for collection were examined. The recorded collections were checked with the payments to the treasurer, and the cash on hand was verified.

The surety bonds of the officials required by law to furnish them were examined and found to be in proper form.

In addition to the balance sheet referred to there are appended to this report tables showing a reconciliation of the treasurer's and collector's cash, summaries of the tax, tax title, departmental, and water accounts, as well as a table showing the condition and transactions of the cemetery trust funds.

While engaged in making the audit, co-operation was received from the various town officials, for which, on behalf of my assistants and for myself, I wish to express appreciation.

Respectfully submitted,

HERMAN B. DINE,

Assistant Director of Accounts.

TOWN OF**Balance Sheet—****GENERAL****Assets****Cash:**

In banks and office	\$36,946.42
Counterfeit money received by former treasurer	10.00

Accounts receivable:**Taxes**

Levy of 1943:	
Real estate	\$6.60
Levy of 1944:	
Real estate	143.76
Levy of 1945:	
Personal	310.59
Real estate	3,883.25
Levy of 1946:	
Poll	2.00
Personal	2,435.84
Real estate	15,778.28
	22,560.32

Motor vehicle excise taxes:

Levy of 1946	173.42
Levy of 1947	317.58
	491.00

Taxes on estates of deceased persons

Tax titles	595.05
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Tax possessions

	5,342.06
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Departmental:

Aid to Dependent Children	\$701.37
Old Age Assistance	4,322.25
Veterans' benefits	382.50
	5,406.12

Water rates and charges

\$4,461.23

Water meters

80.00

4,541.23

Revenue 1947:

Appropriations voted	\$205,548.25
Less:	
Estimated receipts collected	16,716.32
	188,831.93

BELLINGHAM**March 14, 1947****ACCOUNTS****Liabilities and Reserves**

Temporary loans:

In anticipation of revenue 1947	\$50,000.00
Federal withholding taxes	1,133.10
Warrant short paid—to be adjusted	45.60
Dog licenses—Due county	72.60
Water meter deposits	260.00
Tailings—Reserve for unclaimed checks	395.49
Old Age Assistance recoveries	956.48
Highway machinery fund	408.08
Dog Fund from County	525.28
Cemetery perpetual care funds income	37.22
Federal grants:	
Aid to Dependent Children—Aid	\$1,014.03
Old Age Assistance:	
Administration	45.71
Assistance	6,028.24
	7,087.98
Appropriation balances	162,996.55
Reserve fund—Overlay surplus	4,096.60
Overlays reserved for abatements:	
Levy of 1944	\$143.76
Levy of 1945	1,668.29
Levy of 1946	1,472.96
	3,285.01
Revenue reserved until collected:	
Motor vehicle excise tax	\$491.00

Underestimates 1946:

County tax	\$81.18
State parks and reservations	72.06
	153.24
Overlay deficit—Levy of 1942	31.20

Overdrawn Accounts:

Public Welfare 1943	60.00
W. P. A. 1943	445.60
	505.60

DEBT

Net funded or fixed debt	\$213,000.00
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TRUST

Trust funds, cash and securities	\$8,888.61
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Taxes on estates of deceased persons	595.05
Tax Title	5,342.06
Tax possession	6,824.45
Departmental	5,406.12
Water	4,541.23
	23,199.91
Surplus revenue	17,738.72
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	\$272,238.62
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ACCOUNTS

High School Loan	\$27,000.00
Library and Community Building Loans	1,000.00
Municipal Relief Loans	3,000.00
Water Loans	182,000.00
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	\$213,000.00
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ACCOUNTS

Cemetery perpetual care funds	\$8,888.61
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